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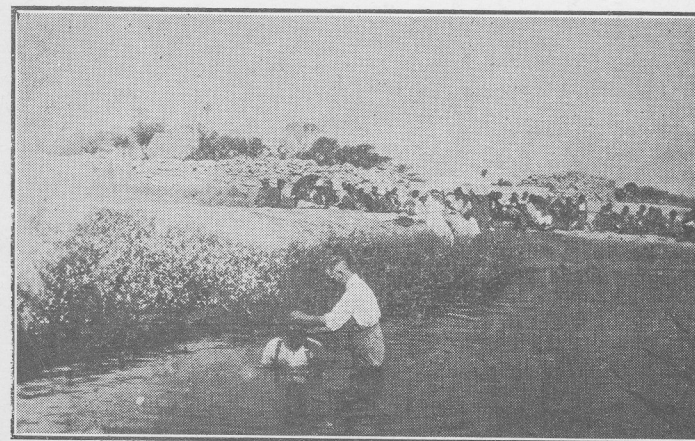
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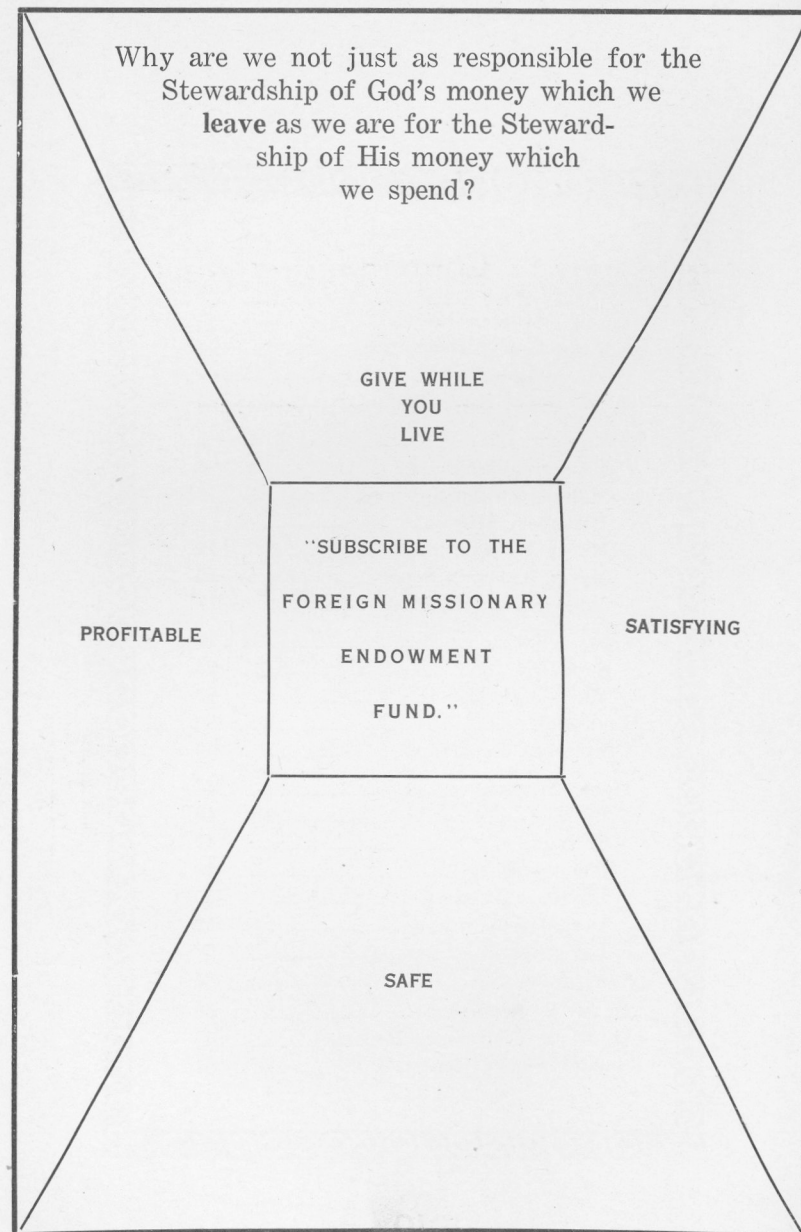
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HOME AND FOREIGN



A NATIVE BAPTISMAL SCENE IN AFRICA.

OF THE  
BRETHREN IN CHRIST  
CHURCH  
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## FOREIGN MISSIONS

### FOREIGN MISSION WORK.

#### THE YEARLY BRIEF REPORT, BY THE SEC'Y.

The past year is one that will be remembered by missionaries and Mission Boards as beset with many difficult problems. Disappointment following disappointment and delay after delay came to those whose hearts were burning with anxiety to be in their fields of labor, where, also they were greatly needed. Others who have labored faithfully and without any intermission of rest and who were entitled to a furlough in the homeland, some having money which was sent to them for that purpose, but rather chose to remain; partly because of dangerous ocean traffic, otherwise because of the extra strain and care it would entail upon those who remain.

Brother Isaac O. Lehman and family, accompanied by brother and sister Harvey C. Lady, have returned to their fields of work at Johannesburg, S. A., leaving San Francisco October first on the S. S. Ventura and arriving at Sydney, Australia, October twenty-second. Not being able to obtain transportation from this port for some time, they rented a furnished house and soon were down to hard manual labor, in addition to witnessing for Jesus, until the 19th of December when they again set sail on the S. S. Medic for South Africa arriving at Johannesburg January 17th, 1919.

Brother and sister Amos D. M. Dick from New Cumberland, Pa. and sister Anna M. Steckly, Gromley, Ont., made up the party of new workers for India field, who set sail on December first on the S. S. Nanking, from San Francisco and after a long journey arrived safely at Calcutta on the 13th of February and finally at Saharsa Mission station on Sunday evening February 16th.

Late information from the Secretary of state for India, through the British Embassy at Washington D. C., is that in view of the situation consequent of the war, he is unable to grant sister Meriam K. Benner of Sellersville, Pa., the desired premission to go to India as a missionary.

Thus while the work is great and the demands for help almost unlimited, reverses and disappointments must be

met; may they all be approached, met, and disposed with in the calmness, quietness, and serenity of the power of the Spirit, which Jesus said: "Will shew you things to come" and "that he shall take of mine, and shall shew it unto you."

So may we be found ready to enter another, Conference year with zeal and a united effort that has been unsurpassed in all the mission enterprise of the church—but all directed by the Divine will of God.

## AFRICA.

### MATOPO MISSION.

In giving our yearly report, we do so with thankfulness to our Heavenly Father for His many blessing over us and His work.

The year's work was not a complete one because of the influenza epidemic which swept through Africa; it reached us in October, stopping all work and closing the schools. This was a very busy time for all who could help in the care of the sick. Here at Matopo there were as many as thirty-six down at one time, they all recovered, but one, who God saw fit to take to Himself and we believe he is safe at home with Jesus.

This breaking up of the school gave opportunity for some of the workers to go to the coast for a short holiday. The school was not as large as in some previous years, some having finished and gone home while others for various causes could not remain through the year. There were thirty-five who were in school the greater part of the year and made satisfactory progress; these did the usual work of the farm and also printing, etc. The spiritual part of the Matopo Mission will be given by brother Frey.

The work among the out schools was considerably disturbed by the epidemic also. All the schools were closed before the year ended, the attendance was fair and the interest good. We wish to give a word of praise to our worthy staff of native teachers and helpers for the way in which most of them have stood by the work through these trying times. The spiritual condition we think has

improved in some places; while it is far from what we desire, yet we are pleased that it is as good as it is and we can see at least some improvement. It was our privilege to spend most of the winter season among the outschools which was a pleasure to us and a help to the work, we see the need of more time being spent in this way. One of our great needs at the present is more workers to devote their time to this part of the work. The writer is at present the only one who is free from other duties to go out among the schools—there should be more doing the same kind of work.

We also need a builder, a man who will devote his time to this work of constructing the needed buildings on the various stations; if such a man could be found it would greatly relieve the present workers and give them the opportunity to do itinerating work. Such a worker should be a missionary in every sense of the word, who would instruct the boys in spiritual as well as in secular things.

We need a man who will devote his time to the farm work, one such could be used at two stations at least, one at each station.

The need is still here and the work demands it, that a new mission be opened in the eastern part of our territory, we made this need known last year and at other times, but so far no one has volunteered to take it upon them to start this needed mission.

Above all we need every christian's prayers and support in the year to come that it may be a prosperous one in every way. We are confident that there are many who are praying and giving—for this assistance we are very grateful. Will not more join in this good word?

#### EVANGELISTS TRAINING SCHOOL, & MATOPO CONGREGATION.

By H. J. Frey.

The work at Matopo has continued as usual. We have had the Training School together with the Primary school at the Mission, the morning school for the children from the kraals, and three outschools within a radius of

nine miles. The tuition for the Training school has been raised from Nine Pounds to Twelve Pounds for a term of three years; but to those who have been teachers we give a rebate of a Pound per year for every year they have taught up to six years. It is not intended, however, that this rebate be paid by the mission, but that it come from a Scholarship fund which we requested the Foreign Mission Board to institute for the purpose. All who desire, therefore, can have opportunity of helping worthy young men through school by standing for a scholarship of six Pounds (Thirty Dollars)

Because of shortage of workers, the writer has been practically alone the greater part of the year; and the responsibility for the school, church services, and pastoral care has fallen upon him. We therefore greatly appreciate the coming of Sr. Baker to our assistance, thus enabling Sr. Frey to be in the school part of the time and to bear part of the responsibility thereof.

The world-wide scourge, the influenza, struck us very severely. Fortunately we lost but one from the school, but a number of our members from the kraals have gone to their reward. More than thirty of the boys at the Mission were down at one time. Because of this scourge, it was felt that most of the older boys should go home, upon their recovery, to help care for their people, which largely depleted the school. As the time for our short furlough to the coast had long been overdue, this was thought to be an opportune time for us to go. Bro. Steigerwald very kindly arranged to look after the general work of the Mission, and Sister Baker with two native teachers took the school; while myself and family (with the exception of Ernest) had a two-month, holiday to the coast. The sea air and sea water were indeed refreshing; and we were enabled thus to rub up against other missionaries, which was a great inspiration to us all. We returned, much better for the change.

The attendance at the Mission has been somewhat smaller than usual because of the fact that so many of our people are moving away, and unfortunately we have not been able to prevail upon many of the heathen who still remain. When people, either white or black, have heard the Gospel repeatedly and still refuse, they become



very indifferent, and hard to reach. We have continued the the bi-weekly service at the Goal at Fort Usher, at our three outschools, and at other places as opportunity offered. Twelve were baptized during the year, half of whom were boys at the mission, two were reclaimed, and five moved into the district. On the other hand, three were suspended because of sin, one left the church, three died from influenza and eleven moved to other districts, leaving the total present membership at sixty, which it practically the same as last year. The number in the Inquirers' classes is also sixty, which is slightly less than last year. A few of these seem earnest and promising, and will probably be baptized during the coming year. It was hard to give up those claimed by death, as some of them we thought were our very best, but we believe they are at rest and bow to the Father's will. One sister, especially, left a very bright testimony, and passed away with the sweetest assurance, and with praises upon her lips. Others are still here, in the midst of temptation. These are safe.

In our report of last year, we requested that you all join with us in prayer for a gracious revival. We are glad to report that God has been working, but the spirituality is still far short of what it ought to be, and we trust you will still continue in prayer. At the Methodist Mission at Old Untali, they have had very gracious revivals of deep spirituality, as we were privileged to witness. The South African General Mission has also experienced a very great manifestation of grace. These cases help to strengthen our faith that God wants to do the same for us, and will if we do our part. The church is passing thru a crisis. It remains to be seen whether or not the people will be more spiritual or less so after they have been partially educated, and their minds developed. We realize too that the Training School will be the hub of the wheel, so to speak. The young men who go out from here will be leaders of their people either for good or evil. Others will follow their lead. God grant that their lives might be a true pattern!

## MTSHABEZI MISSION.

By Walter O. Winger.

In giving another year's report, we feel first to thank our Heavenly Father for His protection and care, also the home church for their liberal contributions and for their prayers for the work in this land.

The past year has been one of severe testing in the work, but the Lord has brought us through it all; to him be all the glory.

The church building which many of you are interested in, is so that we can hold services in it, although it is not completed. The money sent for this purpose, with what the native members are contributing, is sufficient to finish the church, with the exception of the seats; more money is needed to buy these. We thank all who have helped in this, the building will be a blessing in the work.

The dipping tank which was mentioned in last year's report was finished. Other building was also done, such as a cattle kraal, goat and sheep pens, a mule stable, and three huts for the boys; also clearing away around the new location. This with the repairing the large wagon, and many other duties, has kept us very busy.

In March Sister Heisey came to labor at this place and her help is much appreciated. She could soon adapt herself to the new duties, having been in the work before and having the language. Later in the season, Sister Baker went to help at the Matopo Mission, and in October Sister Doner came to help in the work here indefinitely or until the sisters Alvis and Book had a furlough South. During August Bunu, our native helper, who had been with us for years and who had been our main standby in the industrial work, left us. Although he did not fall into gross sin yet his conduct was such that we had to dismiss him. We are glad, however, that to some extent at least, he sees himself and asks for prayers that he may again realize the joy of the Lord in his soul. Let us remember him in prayer.

This native helper leaving the work, made our duties still heavier and although the money was here and Sisters Alvis and Book needed the rest very much, they could not feel it the Lord's will for them to go at this time and

leave the burden still heavier on those who would be left. We believe the Lord has and will bless and reward them for their sacrifice and willing service at this time. We hope that since the war has closed, the sisters can go to America on a furlough in 1919 which they would prefer now to going South, as it is also past time for their furlough to America.

As mentioned before, we are living in huts, as we considered it more needful to work, to build the church before putting up substantial dwellings. Our quarters are also cramped. Sister Alvis shared her hut with Sister Heisey on her arrival. This being a little less than 12x12 feet is much too small for two, with the trunks and other things stored in the rooms. We hope to put up a sun-dried brick building this year with two rooms. Other buildings are very much needed which we hope can be built this year.

We are reminded of the words of the poet, "A tent or a cottage, why should I care? They're building a mansion for me over there." We gladly sacrifice comforts we could enjoy at home, for the Master's work here; and while we often long to see our loved ones at home and would enjoy being in worship with you again, we would sometimes feel to pray like our oldest boy, Bert, did recently when he prayed that the Lord would send more workers so he could go to America to see his grandparents, uncles, aunts, and cousins; and as time goes on we hear of those of our dear ones passing away and of the bereaved ones left. This, from a human standpoint, would make us homesick and discontented here, but in this His grace is sufficient.

I believe all our workers will join in this, that our greatest burden is for the need of the work. We do not want this to be a repetition of last year's letter nor do we want to multiply words to tire our readers, but the work is suffering for the need, of more workers. Strong young men are needed, also sisters. The work which has been started by much sacrifice and hard labor, is suffering loss. We are not speaking now of enlarging the work or of opening new fields, but of taking care of the work already started. When we look at our young people here, we are reminded of our boyhood days, when our parents took us to church

and Sunday School and in a loving way warned us against the vices and sins of this world. Here the parents of our poor native converts often do all they can to keep them away from school and church. We see a young boy go away to work, he has no praying parents to pray for him or warn him against the sins and dangers at those places and often we hear that they fall into sin. The missionaries pray for them and write encouraging letters whenever they can to keep track of the boy, but when we were boys, our parents did not tire telling us temperance stories and teaching us the ways of the Lord. Our native converts live mostly in heathen homes, have heathen parents, and nearly everything about them would tend to lead them away from God. Can we wonder that many are unstable and weak? In our present condition, with the farm work and other industrial work which it takes, with about sixty children at the station, then the building, repair work, etc., etc.; we can do very little personal work of visiting, and what we do, must often be done at the expense of neglecting some other work. Our hearts cry out to God for help and we hope that now since the war closed, more workers will be forthcoming.

The Spanish Influenza was quite severe through here but the Lord cared for the workers through it, although two of our native members died of the disease. Our mules and cart were a real blessing at this time as it enabled us get about to help and assist the sick. The door is opening still more to assist the natives at times of sickness and we believe it has a tendency to draw them closer to us.

We wish you in the homeland God's choicest blessings and ask a continued interest in your prayers for us and the work here.

#### MACHA MISSION.

By H. Frances Davidson and L. B. Steckly.

"Not by might nor by power but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts." Zech. 4: 6.

In these words we are forcibly reminded that it is not by the might of a great army or by the wisdom and



diplomacy of great statesman that a final peace and an enduring on will come upon the world. The Son of peace can alone bring that. These words also come home to us in the religious world and especially in the mission field.

Churches are uniting, mission bodies are putting their forces together in this great conflict against the powers of darkness hoping thereby, as it were, that Satan and his hosts may be driven from the field. No one will deny that in union there is power and in numbers there is strength; but when it comes to overthrowing the forces of the Arch-enemy and undoing his work of generations and generations of cruel bondage and slavery, the success of the campaign all depends upon who is the Generalissimo and whose tactics are employed.

It is not by great armies or by small ones that success is assured in the mission field, but by His Spirit. We as missionaries may well take warning. We may work to the limit of our strength and beyond it; but if we do not take time to be holy, if we do not take time to wait upon the Lord in secret and let Him work through us, if our orders for the day and for the difficult piece of work before us do not come from the Great General, the result is sure to be a failure, notwithstanding human verdict to the contrary. "Except the Lord build the house they labor in vain that build it; except the Lord keep the city the watchman waketh in vain."

When one looks over the work of the past year, and over many precious ones, one feels sad that there has not been more accomplished for the Lord. We have so longed to see a mighty outpouring of His Spirit on the church at this place and an ingathering of precious souls. I for my part acknowledge that I have not spent as much time with the Lord as I should have done, I do this with contrition and humility. In the mission field as well as in the more secular walks of life, the temptation often confronts us, when we go in secret prayer, to make it short, there are many duties awaiting us, or we think there are; this needs attention and that needs attention, and as a result the most needful only too often receives scant attention.

It is said that the Generalissimo of the Allied forces in the great war was accustomed to spend daily about three-quarters of an hour in secret prayer. Notwithstanding the battle roared around him and momentous issues hung

in the balance and seem to demand his attention, yet he found time in the midst of this to wait upon the Lord. What farreaching consequences resulted from this devotion, only God knows. If he upon whose shoulders, humanly speaking, rested the destiny of nations, could find a quiet time with the Lord, certainly we can find no excuse to omit it. What would not result in soulsaving if every child of God would take more time to listen to the voice of the Spirit?

Notwithstanding our failures, the Lord is ever faithful and has continued to work in our midst, so that it is possible to report a fairly prosperous year.

Early in the year we had the pleasure of welcoming back to the work at Macha, Brother and Sister Steckly, and we feel thankful that the Lord brought them safely through in these perilous times. At the same time we were sorry to lose Sr. Doner who had done such efficient work. This lessened the attendance at church and the where. May the Lord reward her for her faithful labors!

The war did not directly affect the work here but indirectly did. The high prices of clothing and grain caused many of the brethren to go to Southern Rhodesia for work. This lessened the attendance at church and the native force of workers. The Spanish Influenza has claimed its victims. It broke up one of the outschools and five members of the church as well as some inquirers died directly or indirectly from its effects. We are thankful that we have had the privilege of helping some be ready for that great change.

One of these who died was Wanki a Barotse boy. He came to the mission nearly seven years ago, ragged and ignorant, and said he wanted to learn. He was at the mission over four years and although he was slow in learning both in school and in the ways of the Lord, yet he had the will and determination to go through hard places. He gradually yielded himself to God and accepted Christ as his Savior, and was received into the church. Then there came a time when the Lord wonderfully baptized him with the Holy Spirit. He married a Christian girl and set up a Christian home, an ideal home it seemed to us when we visited it. It was necessary for him to go away to work, and he wrote to us regularly until his death. He wrote, "I am so happy in the Lord, and He

helps me so much to witness for Him among my fellow laborers. I have services among them on Sunday." One of our boys who was with him before he died wrote, "I think Wanki went to be with Jesus. He was so active in the Lord's work, and loved to talk about his Savior". Praise God for one who left such a good testimony behind.

The regular services and Sunday School were held at the station during the year an average attendance of 113 which is less than the previous year. 15 were added to the church by baptism, 3 were reclaimed and admitted into full fellowship. We are sorry to state, however, that three others fell into sin, two of whom confessed, but the third still maintains his innocence, although evidences are very strongly against him. It also seems evident that two or three of these who have been away to work have forsaken the way. This leaves 70 members. We always endeavor to keep in touch by letter with these who are away at work as an encouragement and help to them in the Lord's service.

A number have accepted Christ and been enrolled in the Inquirers' Class. Some have fallen out and others are away at work so there are at present 55 in that class.

The school at the station has been fairly prosperous with an enrollment of 115 for the year. A number of those remained only a short time. There were 60 borders most of the year. The Industrial part of the work has been encouraging, although there is always great need of patience in teaching these people to do their work carefully and systematically. The boys have been taught Agriculture, Horticulture, Brickmaking, Sawing and Building. During the year there have been built a small hospital and a house for David and his family both of burnt brick, some of the other buildings have been repaired. Although the former pupils in this work have settled in homes of their own, others come to take their place and accept Christ as their Savior and the work goes on. There are a number of girls at the mission who are developing into nice Christian women. These are taught housework, washing and ironing, sewing, gardening, and basket and mat making. One of the chief difficulties in reference to them is that they do not want to leave school when their parents want to give them marriage.

The outschools were five in number with a total enrollment of 157 pupils. These have done good work and a number of pupils have been won to the Lord, and praise God for the results. The outschools are, however, a source of anxiety. There are a number of fine young Christian brethren, but they are loth to consecrate themselves to the Lord for his work. Some of them will teach for a few years, do good work, and be interested in the salvation of their pupils, then when obstacles come in the way or when they become discouraged, they want to quit. In this they do not differ materially from some of their white neighbors. The new law requiring teachers to be married and move to the village where they teach has also operated against the work. These Batenga are very clanish and want to live with their relatives. They are naturally an agricultural and pastoral people. A number have lately bought plows and are enlarging their gardens. One thing which especially discourages the teachers is the irregularity in attendance of the pupils, even when the school is at their door; and pupils will not as a rule walk a mile to attend school. We are not the only ones who have had difficulty with out-schools. Some mission stations in this part of the country have been obliged to close all their outschools for the above reasons and others have been closed by the government, while ours have been fairly successful.

One of our boys is in the Teacher's Training School at Matopo Mission and others are planning to go there. Will all those who read this pray the prayer of faith in behalf of this part of the work that some may be led to wholly consecrate themselves to the work of the Lord?

Services were held at six places regularly and other villages were visited as opportunity offered. The village work has been more or less neglected, however, and needs more attention there are many unevangelized and many others who are strangers to His grace.

In regard to medical work, Sr. Steckley has had a number of patients at least part of the year. Since many of these come from a distance and are obliged to remain we were in great need of a place to house them so Brother Steckley built a small brick hospital. Caring for the body often leads them to see there deeper need.

We praise the Lord for keeping all on the mission sta-



tion in good health during the winter. Although sickness has been around us and have been called to minister in the villages, yet it did not come nigh our dwelling. Our needs have been abundantly supplied. Above all we praise God for the souls who have been won for Him.

We thank all who have contributed by their prayers and money to the success of the work. May God reward them all! Both prayers and money are needed to carry on the work, we especially beg of you to travail in prayer in behalf of this people and the work at this place.

### BROTHER TAYLOR'S MISSION.

By Myron and Adda Taylor.

Another year has passed. A year of severe tests, but through them all we have realized God's presence and guidance.

In November, 1917, we had been given permission by the Government to remain at Sikalongo until May first, 1918. The rains were so incessant that nothing could be done during the rainy season toward finding another place. During June and July several farmers offered to give us a temporary site. With the advise of Bishop Steigerwald we accepted an offer of a free site by Mr. Hugh Walker. It is a fine location on the back of his 4000 acre farm.

Here we are in the midst of a white settlement, surrounded on every side by farms. We are about forty miles from Sikalongo, seventeen miles from Choma, twenty or twenty-five miles from Macha Mission. We moved from Sikalongo early in September, brother Steckley helping us one trip with the Macha Mission team and wagon, also later helping us two days with boys at building which we appreciated very much.

Upon our arrival here our goods were piled up in the tall grass and we lived in our tent while building was in progress. This was the hottest time of the year, flies were in swarms because of the cattle posts near us. The cook stove was set up under a large tree, cooking was difficult because of wind and dust.

When we had about half of our brick made nearly all our boys left us. The influenza epidemic was coming on and help was almost unprocurable. The rains were near at hand and there was no time to lose. In this crises our neighbor Mr. Eiderkin gave us six hundred Kimberly brick 6 x 8 x 16 inches, same size as our own. With these we finished two rooms. Later we secured all the help we needed and during a few days of fair weather after the rains had begun, we made enough brick to put up a kitchen and store room, which we covered with iron roofing. Thus under many difficulties we finally finished our dwelling.

On our arriving in N. Rhodesia, Macha Mission gave us eight oxen, two cows with calves, two heifers, quarantine prevented us moving them to Sikalongo. For nearly two and a half years all our goods and provisions for ourselves and boys were all taken out by native carriers. Our lands were dug with hoes and when the family went to Choma or Macha Mission the cart was drawn by natives. This was both inconvenient and expensive. In March we purchased seventeen donkeys with harness and trek chains costing seven hundred and fifty dollars.

In June the Government gave permission to move our cattle freely from Macha through Choma to Sikalongo.

Last year the Government passed a law that no new mission stations or schools in the villages could be opened without consent of the government and no permission has been granted. At one mission station all the outschools had to be closed. There had no restrictions been put on evangelization. As we had had no permission to open a station, we stopped teaching, but continued our regular Sunday services. We had fairly good attendance by the older people, the children attended well.

There were a number that endeavored to serve the Lord. Some hesitated to say they too wanted to serve Him, because they thought the missionary would leave them. They were told that should he go away, the words of the Lord would abide with them. Here we do not hold services except at the villages. Our workman hear the word daily.

These people have never been visited by a missionary before. They are very anxious to hear and also to have

schools. We have had more calls than our health and the weather permitted us to fill. I have never met such eager listeners before.

Our needs have been liberally supplied. We thank the Foreign Mission Board for so kindly and liberally sending money for maintenance; and also those dear ones who have sent their offerings through the Foreign Mission Board.

We are resting in the Lord to direct our steps in the future, feeling quite confident that "He knoweth the way that I take."

#### JOHANNESBURG MISSION, S. A.

By Andrew C. Wenger.

Again the time has come when it becomes my duty to send you another report of a years progress in the mission work at this place. I am thankful to be able to record God's faithfulness in watching over His own, in supplying the needs of soul and body, and especially blessing His Word and the means of grace put forth for the enlightenment and salvation of these within our sphere of influence.

The past year has been one of joy on one had, and anxiousness and sadness on the other. Perhaps, sometime during ravages of influenza nearly all the natives on the mines were ill, but owing to modern skill and the providence of God a very small percentage indeed died. I learned of but one of our adherents who was taken by it, but many were ill. I believe he was ready to meet his Savior for he gave evidence in his life of true conversion. A number of our people in Gazaland have died during the epidemic, perhaps from the lack of intelligent care. One of the teachers there has died making it necessary to appoint another.

Personally, I can say God is good. There have been times during the year when I was not well, especially during the epidemic, as I soon took it and was weeks in getting over it, but was able to help a while daily in caring for sick natives as a "Volunteer" in the Johannesburg General Hospital.

The mission work has been progressing somewhat, not so much in numbers, perhaps as in continuance in preaching the gospel and pointing those who sought God to the way everlasting. There was no baptizing service during the year, as Brother Lehman were often expected to be about to arrive; there are a number of class members who are waiting to be received and I hope that it will not be long until the opportunity will come. A few who once were active members and assisted in the work have stepped aside and no longer follow Christ. In most cases they were not truly humble nor repented of their evil deeds, but some have and are still attendants in the services and show an earnest desire to be faithful. It became necessary to expel one member who without sufficient reason refused to work together with the teacher of a school and began teaching independently in another place.

I was sorry to have to close a new school opened in December, 1917, owing to the teacher leaving for home and no one to take his place. It was a very promising school. Those pupils who would, I gave into the care of the South African Compounds Mission who have a white missionary at that mine. Another effort to establish a new school failed though the field was ripe to harvest because of the lack of an established member there to carry it on. One mine at which brother Lehman had placed a school has closed down and the scholars have scattered out to other mines. One of the older schools which had closed, before I came here, again revived when members returned from Gazaland; a school has recently been launched with a member in charge in a very large and promising compound. The attendance of the other schools that are continuing as usual, has made some change and while there has not been a marked outpouring of blessing, there have been times when the Holy Spirit moved and broke down the hearts of sinners. In the last few months I have seen this especially true.

I am expecting the Lehman party to arrive soon and then I expect to return to Rhodesia.

Concerning the work in Gazaland I can say but little. I had made preparations in August to visit the work there, when word came saying that brother Lehman were perhaps on their way out and not wishing to be absent upon their arrival I altered my plans. The teacher



of the school there who has erred from the true way resisted my counsel and instructions, and being so far away I have not been able to properly deal with him. He has also resisted the native evangelist who is caring for the work. His sin seems to have been adultery with a young girl several years ago whom he has now taken to be his second wife.

These are sifting times. Many are making shipwreck of faith and, Demas like, loving this present world, are turning aside to their own ways and lusts. There are sunshine and shadows in mission work and the shadows are deepening because of the growing feeling of race difference which is taking firmer hold on the South African natives. It finds its first outlet in the numerous native churches springing out of and away from the white mission societies. Back of it all the movement is political, "Africa for the Africans." Will our church pray that the government may recognize the danger and take steps to prevent what may bring serious trouble?

I ask a continuance of the prayers of the church for an enlarging of the work and the bringing of many darkened hearts into the knowledge of salvation through Jesus Christ the Savior.

## INDIA.

### GENERAL REPORT.

By H. L. Smith and Workers.

"Moreover the word of the Lord came unto me," etc., Jeremiah 2:1. God has numberless things for His people, and He lavishes gifts freely beyond number. But when each gift has been given there seems to be a "more-over" and the meaning for us is that the great Giver has much over and above what he has given, for us in store. However, His best is not His gifts, not our joys, nor our specialties in faith or experience, but "His Word." I have cause for marvel when I recall even in part all the many forces which were at work in winning me for Christ. None of us have been won in a day, or easily. God used mighty hidden forces and influences in the winning of each soul, and in opening up the spiritual chambers of our inner

lives. But at last the "word of the Lord" did really come to us and begin its greatest transforming work. It not only transformed when it came, but it enlivened and re-organized the good though abused powers within.

Our personal experiences I believe in all their variations are similar in this that through joy or sorrow, the "word of the Lord" actually found us out and came to us. In much the same way we, looking back over this past mission year, and over the whole mission field see so many ways in which, through mission effort, prayer, preaching services, assistance, teaching, Sunday Schools, medical help, general and social uplifting endeavor, we have been instrumental in God's hands in bringing the "word of the Lord" to others. It is our deep and joyous conviction, moreover, that some have found the "Word of the Lord," and have "hid it in their hearts", while others are very much closer to His word than formerly. We travail still, that they may also be able to look back some day in blessed realization and say, "the word of the Lord came unto ME."

The total work of the missions at Madhepura, Saharsa, Supaul, and interior has been more varied this year than formerly, though in some cases, in all stations, we have been somewhat hampered by sickness. But on the whole the cause has grown on well toward a fairer expression of its true Self.

The evangelistic work was commendable throughout the year. One christian worker left the work, and another worker and his wife have been taken on. This gives us three native christian workers, and one woman worker or helper. One worker lives at Saharsa, one at Supaul, and one at Kaph Qumaria, in the interior. Part of the year we had a colporteur selling gospels and tracts in Hindi. This branch of the Propagation work is by far the most important phase of mission work, if it is understandingly carried on. It enables the mission to keep in touch daily with many nearby villages, and this is a vital part of the problem of soul-winning. There are calls for more christian workers in the far interior places where we can rarely go, but though we are eager to meet these demands, and believe they would help win souls for Jesus, we cannot branch out much yet, because of shortages in funds.

The touring work has been carried on with good success, and with encouraging results for God and righteousness. There were various causes hindered the missions somewhat in doing the amount of interior work demanded and needed. Our camping equipment is very insufficient. We need a tent for sheltering the Christian workers who accompany us. Camp cots utensils, etc., are also still wanted. We are hoping to treble the inland touring this coming mission year. If God does not rule otherwise. Srs. Effie Rohrer and Ruth Byer toured in the Madhepura section, and brother Rohrer toured some in the Supaul territory. We believe God will bless their efforts to the winning of souls.

Because of the lack of funds and the lateness of arrival of money which did come, our medical work was badly hindered this year, almost to the point of discouragement, but we have assurances of a better outlook this coming mission year. The needs were so dire, and the help capable of being given so limited, that many sad cases which might have been helped were forced to go unaided. The influenza was very severe in India, and still rages in parts. Now smallpox has broken out both east and west of us and the plague in raging with its wonted fierceness to the south of us.

Because of the extremely high cost of living and threatening famine, we found it necessary to assist some of the poor Christians in this section. We were very glad for the funds in hand from the homeland making this help possible. Even yet the conditions are such as make living one perpetual strain to barely exist. The Government of India has done much to alleviate the suffering and want, famine prices still exist in this and most places, in many commodities. We have been blessed in helping some really needy people this past year, one man in particular has been saved from death, we believe. He is still here with us, and is beginning to work for his living; and his lively five year old son is in newly improvised quarters at Supaul. The father has signed the boy over to the mission for life.

Private offerings have been given by certain missionaries toward caring for this boy, and we are looking forward to establishing an orphanage for him and others, if

the dear brotherhood so decide. Bro. and sister Rohrer feel especially led of the Lord for this phase of work, and we feel confident that the Lord will prove His promptings, not only at this end, but also on the part of the dear brotherhood in the homeland.

Last October we as a mission body felt led by the urgent demand, to open a school at Saharsa for the christian boys and others who were calling for help. We have two boarding Christian boys at present, and about twelve Hindu and Mohammedan boys. The school is meeting a long-left need and is prospering. It is graded according to Government requirements, and has daily Bible lessons for all. One of the boarding Christians has just lately been baptized, and will, we believe, prove to be one of God's precious jewels. This phase of work is needed, not only here at Saharsa, but also at other places. Government has asked us to take up the opening of a school in the Kaph Dumeria interior outpost, and has offered us aid without restrictions on our method or teaching. We are looking to the Lord for help in this matter.

During the past mission year ten precious souls have been united to the church by baptism. There are several others who are yet pending whom we will also accept as soon as we believe their hearts are ready and have met God's conditions. We still feel the keenest disappointment in not being able to buy over the Kaph Dumeria unused mission bungalow, since by so doing we would be in a position to keep in close touch with the christians in the far interior. These poor oppressed people are unable to understand why we do not come and live among them, when a building is so easily purchased with the needed land and trees, etc., at a cheap price. However, we are willing in this, as in all things else, to be led by the wise counsel of our dear brotherhood.

The Sunday School work is still going on with varying success, since it is exceedingly hard to combat the underhanded schemes of opposing and fanatic people. However, we are glad for the evidences of good impressions made upon plastic hearts, and we are sure the fruitage will compensate the labor and disappointments.

As concerns the land and building work, we are unable to report fully as yet concerning the Madhepura mission



site. We are making every effort to get the building and land from the railroad company and Government, and we have fair hopes of being able to do so. However we may have to meet heavy opposition in acquiring the place, as it is a very desirable site, and there are some wealthy Indian men who are willing to pay high prices for it if need be. But we know and trust our God. The funds in hand, because of increased cost of materials, will not be quite enough to cover the cost of repair of building if we procure it. Much less so, if we must pay a high price for the land. We are looking with fullest confidence to you to continue to help, which you can give and have been giving.

The Supaul building work is progressing as you will notice by brother Rohrer's report. The building is badly needed, but the funds are insufficient. The present quarters are becoming daily more menacing to the health of the dear ones staying there. We urgently petition our dear brethren to make their dear workers' health a matter of earnest prayer, for I am sure if you could but see and understand the circumstances, you would not hesitate another day in rising nobly to the crying need. We are sorry the sick items have been so heavy this past year, and we trust our dear brotherhood will help to reduce the suffering and risk as much and as soon as possible.

We are still engaged in erecting quarters here at Saharsa for native christian workers. We were hindered very much quite a while, but now the building work is going rapidly forward.

We take this opportunity of expressing to our dear brotherhood our warmest thanks for sending forth to us some devoted and talented young consecrated co-laborers. They have been with us now for less than two weeks, but we are sure God intends good and great things for them; and they have come with the Holy Spirit and fire, and will, we believe, be greatly used of God in this field. We are still waiting with most eager anticipation for the arrival of the other dear ones who we have reason to believe are being sent out by our dear brotherhood for soul winning in this field in the near future. May God speed them on their way!

We fear we have burdened you with our lengthy letter.

May our faults be pardoned, and may we have your prevailing and united prayers for the coming year. We praise God for our trials and victories, for answered prayers and for the evidences of His presence with us.

#### SUPAUL MISSION.

By D. E. and Lottie Rohrer.

We greet you with Psalm 40:5, "Many, O Lord my God, are thy wonderful works which thou has't done, and thy thoughts which are to usward; they cannot be reckoned up in order unto Thee; if I would declare and speak of them, they are more than can be numbered."

We do praise God for his goodness to us this past year. In many ways we can see where He has been with us and His guiding hand has been upon us. In the Sunday School, in the village meetings, in the bazar meetings, at religious festivals, in private conversation, in the inquirers' class, in our daily life and walk, and in prayer; in all these phases of the work we feel that God has been with us and we believe that God will bless His work and not allow it to return unto him void.

Several of our Sunday Schools had to be discontinued because of opposition of the priestly caste, called Brahmans. But while some have been closed down we have had opportunity to organize schools at other places with a larger enrollment and better attendance. In one of these latter schools the enrollment in the last two months has increased from thirtyfive to forty pupils and the average attendance from twenty-three to thirty-four. This school has been organized in the Government village day school. The teacher of the school is not a high caste man, but is progressive and openminded. Where it is possible to enter these schools we do so. For if the teacher is favorable to our coming we feel that some of the great obstacles thrown in our way by the Brahmans are overcome. In so far as possible we give a small picture card to each boy and girl every Sunday. The cards have been supplied by some of our friends and Sunday School children in the homeland. We take this opportunity to thank all who have made it possible to gladden these be-

nighted little hearts. They appreciate them very much.

Our native worker makes daily visits to the villages when the weather permits and holds meetings and sells Scriptures and tracts. In many places the people receive the word with gladness, while at other places they resent it and offer opposition. During the year we have several young students come to the mission building to enquire into christianity. They seem to be hungry for something that will give their minds and hearts satisfaction, but after they hear the truth they are not willing to accept it for themselves, as the way seems too hard for them. They are bound by their caste and the customs of their forefathers. If they could embrace Christianity and still hold to their old rights and ceremonies they would gladly accept, but as the acceptance of Christianity requires a complete change of heart and life, they go away with the same burden resting upon their hearts.

We have a small boy here who has no home. He has no mother, and his father was at the point of death when the boy was sent to us from Saharsa, where his father still is. He is bright intelligent little fellow and very promising. He is being supported by money especially donated for that purpose, and we trust the Lord will open the way that this may be the beginning of a permanent phase of the mission work. It is one that we feel will be a great source of blessing and help to the poor orphans of India in our territory.

Our two daughters, Anita and Gladys, have been led of the Lord to unite with the church. In compliance with their request they were taken into church fellowship and baptized. We believe they have had a real experience of salvation and ask your prayers in their behalf that they may be kept true.

We have had an unusual amount of sickness this year which necessitated our being away from the station quite a bit and consequently the work has been crippled to some extent. At present our health in general is good, with the exception of our little boy, who has been suffering from infantile paralysis for several months, but is steadily improving, and we believe he will soon be restored to normal health again. To God be all the praise.

We are still living in our small quarters, but our faith is strong and we are trusting that in the coming year we

shall be able to complete our new building. We have some material on hand but not sufficient funds to complete it.

We want to thank you all for your kind support during the past year, and ask an interest in your prayers for us and the work.

#### Statistics

#### Attendance

	No.	Total	Highest	Aver.
Meetings connected with Stations,	120	7820	500	65
Native Workers' meetings, -----	522	12543	75	24
Sunday School Meeting, -----	97	1689	46	17
Total for year, -----	739	22052	621	106

Scripture portions and tracts sold, about 1000.

White Workers:—one ordained married man, D. E. Rohrer, one ordained married woman, Lottie Rohrer. Furlough to America due, January 27, 1923.

Unordained native workers, 1; Sunday schools connected with station, 3; Preaching services, 3; Villages visited or village visits, 305; Bazaar visits, 203; New villages visited, 20; in Inquirers' class, 3; Sunday School teachers, 2; S. S. pupils at beginning of year, 90, male female 15; Enrolled during year, male 93, female, 6; dropped from roll, male 90, female 15; on roll at close of year, male 93, female 6.

#### MADHEPURA MISSION.

By Effie Bohrer.

"They that trust in the Lord shall be as mount Zion, which cannot be removed, but abideth forever." "As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the Lord is round about them, (His people) from henceforth, even forever."

Just how much this promise has been verified to me this past year I feel I cannot find words to express. For the Lord has indeed been around about me, and His everlasting arms have been underneath me and His wings have



overshadowed me. He has indeed protected me from dangers seen and unseen, and helped me on the way. All glory be to His name.

This has been one of the busiest years I have spent in India, and I dare say one of the happiest for the simple reason that I was busy. The first years I believe are the hardest, because of the desire one has to do something, but on account of not having sufficient language, one is incapable of talking to the people and telling them of Jesus: I can truly say with the Psalmist, "I delight to do thy will, O my God." There is nothing more blessed than to be in the sweet will of God, and that faith, for after all what would all our labors amount to if we had not faith.

Never before has the thirteenth chapter of First Corinthians become so real and clear to me as since I am in India. The keynote of the chapter is "charity". Have we ever stopped to consider what it really means or have we gone blindly on trusting in our gift of prophecy, tongues, or the understanding of mysteries, and of all knowledge and faith. Or have we trusted in the greatest sacrifices, such as feeding the poor or giving our bodies to be burned? In vain have the Hindu women given themselves to be burned on the funeral pyres of their husbands. In vain have the Mohammedans offered oblation for their dead friends. In vain have many done wonderful works, but what does it all profit? Nothing, without charity!

The different phases of work carried on this past year were Sunday Schools, zenana visiting, medical aid, village preaching, and services at the bungalow. The Sunday School work is one that indeed needs great consideration. I find it here much the same as at home in America, that the greater interest the teacher takes in his scholars, the more interest the children take in learning. This past year I taught the children from the charts, sent from America by different ones, the Golden Texts being especially emphasized. As an incentive to get the children to learn each lesson well, I promised a piece of cloth to those who would do the best. So at the finishing of the chart I gave an oral examination so as to get an idea as to who had remembered the back lessons and Golden Texts. After the examination the three Sunday schools were called here to the bungalow where a short program was carried out. The

exercises began with singing and closed with the giving out of the presents to the few who had worked for them. The children are very eager to get clothing as their gift, because their clothing is very scanty and the winters cool.

In my zenana visiting I teach sewing in some of the home, as well as the Bible in English and Hindu and Christian songs. The village work is also very encouraging, as the people are glad when I come to visit them and listen readily. The first four months of this year, Bro. Samuel, the native worker who was in the work here, made visits to the villages and nearby towns, endeavoring to get new people to come to the regular meetings held at the bungalow at that time.

For something like three months sister Ruth Byer and I were together in the work here, part of which time we spent in touring. We experienced great difficulty in fording the rivers in some places, as we pitched our tents in parts that are flooded very badly during the wet seasons. We took this opportunity to reach the people in that section, as during the rains it is next to impossible for me to get to their villages.

One morning we made great efforts to leave our tents early to reach a certain village as we had to ford a river, but with all our hard trying for a whole day, we accomplished nothing more than the discovery of a way to get to the village, for we had scarcely more than crossed a deep wide stream by boat until we came to another branch and as there was no boat to take us across we undertook to drive through. We had been informed that oxen and carts were driven across at that place, but as our driver was unacquainted with the fording place, we got to the side a bit and the horse and tom-tom began to sink in the mire. We knew nothing more to do than to lighten the load so we jumped into the water and waded to shore. We finally got the horse and trap out, but not without broken harness, as it was old and easily broken. We mended the harness with rope, and got it into temporary usefulness. We ate lunch and dried our clothing by a bonfire which we made, before again starting on our journey. This was again difficult on account of the wet and swampy rice fields through which we had to travel. We finally reached the village and the home to which we had been invited for the day, but as they were having a

great feast, we did not find the welcome to see the women folk as cordial as we expected; and since the day was already far spent we turned homeward.

We did not find every day like this, however. The next few days were very encouraging, as we entered another large village and found that the people were not only ready to hear what we had to tell them, but also ready to minister to our needs and furnished us with a cart and pair of oxen to cross a stream. We are sorry to report that we had the misfortune of losing our horse during our tour. One afternoon he wandered away while out grazing, and fell into a well and drowned.

Although we cannot report any definite conversions, we can say that there are those who are counting the cost, and are eagerly inquiring into the christian religion. "In due time we shall reap if we faint not," Gal. 6: 9.

We attend a large Mela that is held about six miles north of Medhepura each year, where we preach the gospel and sell gospel portions and religious literature.

We give below a short statistical report:—

Number of people who received medical aid and the gospel, -----	531
Number of people in regular bungalow meetings, -----	931
Number of people in attendance at village meet'gs -----	4440
Total attendance at Sunday School for year, --	2119
Average attendance at Sunday Schools, -----	41
Number of women to whom the gospel was preached in the zenanas, -----	1107

#### FINANCIAL REPORT BY THE TREASURER.

By S. G. Engle.

With Samuel's sayings, "Here I raise my Ebenezer," or thus far the Lord hath brought us, we come to you at the close of another Conference year.

As we recall the past twelve months which had in them days of extreme joys, joys that the iron tongues of bells and shrill voices of the siren, mingled with the shouts of men, women and children, all receiving back their ech-

oes from hills and vales that fighting should cease. We all remember the eleventh hour, the eleventh day of the eleventh month of 1918. Many expected soon to see their boys and hear their footfalls which would have been as receiving them back from the dead. But many eyes will fail to see their forms and to hear their voice and footsteps again. Pathetic and heart-rending the thought that many will be denied the privilege of keeping their graves green.

How can we understand or explain that in the face of all these attending conditions of gloom, that the Church's liberalities have in them a lesson of gloom, of future possibilities which almost overstep our fondest dreams for future extension. Surely the spirit of the good Samaritan and the spirit of the Master, who said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive" shines out from the background.

I submit the following report which is a summary of the monthly reports as published throughout the year in the Evangelical Visitor:—

#### RECEIPTS.

Received by General Fund for maintenance, special workers, and special to funds approved of by Conference, auto funds, opening of new fields, etc., -----	\$24,332.06
For war sufferers in France and Belgium, ---	10,098.71
For war sufferers in Armenia and Syria, ---	3,479.27
For Endowment Fund, -----	1,737.50
Total Year's offerings -----	\$39,647.54

#### EXPENDITURES AND RESERVE.

For maintenance, special to workers, fares for missionaries, auto fund, stocks and repairs, etc., -----	\$21,964.04
For war sufferers in France and Belgium, ---	10,098.71
For war sufferers in Armenia and Syria, ---	3,479.27
For Endowment Fund, -----	1,737.50
To Saving Fund from year's receipts, -----	2,368.02
Total, -----	\$39,647.54



RESOURCES OF TREASURY DIVIDED AS FOLLOWS.	
Endowment fund in approved securities, notes and mortgages, -----	\$3,850.00
Endowment fund, in Savings Fund, -----	737.50
Total Endowment Fund, -----	\$4,587.50
In Saving Fund for establishing approved mission and intial trip for workers and specials, -----	\$4,733.09
In Saving Fund, cash for Endowment, -----	737.50
Total, -----	\$5,470.59
Total cash in Saving Fund, -----	\$5,470.59
Cash Balance in General Fund, -----	5,936.07
Endowment in Securities, -----	3,850.00
Total Resources May 1, 1919-----	\$15,256.66

Surely the people have come up to the building of God's house. With a sense that the acts are worthy of special mention I call attention to the Endowment Fund. Conference of 1918 laid the foundation for an Endowment Fund through the kind bequest of Brother Archie Byers, deceased, Hamlin, Kans., of \$2850.00. This has been increased by Sr. Joseph Eshelman of Sedgwick, Kans. who donated \$1000.00 in memory of her father and mother, Eld. Joseph and Sister Shirk, Shannon, Ill., also \$500 by Elizabeth Brandt of Cleona, Pa., who was prepared for foreign work, contracted influenza while administering to the needs of others, ending in her spirits flight to regions brighter than these. In addition to these two bequests we present the item of \$237.50 paid over by the executor of the will of Sr. Catherine Eyer, Rowenna, Pa. making a total of \$1737.50. Believing these facts will point out the way to others how we may become a permanent help, although we may pass away and our bodies await the resurrection of the just.

I call attention to the continued increase of liberalities in 1918, the increase over the previous year was 90%, the present year over the year 1918 was 89%.

Trouble and suffering does not change people, but only

brings out that which is within, as is plainly shown by the year's respond to the suffering and dying. While fighting has largely ceased, the armistice is signed and all nations with anxious breath are awaiting the signing of the articles of the league of nations, sufferings and need as a result of the war will continue for months and probably years to come.

Instead of lessening of liberalities we hope for a constant opening up before us, the cry to "Come and help us" is sounding in our ears from new large fields.

Armenia and Syria with their suffering throngs are crying for help. I am sure as we look upon the fields with a view of going forward our vision is enlarged. The further the army marched forward the stronger must be its lines of communication, this is true of the church as our workers are sent in larger fields, our lines must be strengthened. While the Church's vision, we believe, is correct relative to the forward move in other lands, we also note with interest the strengthening of the home base.

As the church extends her home borders, the life of the church will be lifted higher toward God, missionaries will increase and with them the needed material aid will be sure to follow. In fact it will become a common and secondary matter. With hearts of prayer and thanksgiving toward God, our eyes upon the whitened fields and with unsheathed sword let us unitedly go forth with the battle cry, "Oh' heart of Christ, lead on." Instead of being concerned if the peace which the nations are forming will succeed or fail, (for fail it must), our hope is in a kingdom over which the Prince of peace will reign and which will never pass away. With the goal so near in the future may we all go forward occupying until He comes.

#### MATOPPO MISSION.

By H. P. Steigerwald.

#### GENERAL FUND.

##### Receipts.

Balance from previous year, -----	\$ 719.00
Foreign Mission Treasurer, -----	3421.00

Farm Products, .....	743.00
Sale of stock, .....	434.00
Other Sources, .....	324.00
Government School Grant, .....	161.00
Tuition, .....	72.00
Total, .....	\$5874.00

#### Expenditures.

Household and provisions, .....	805.00
Boy's food and supplies, .....	470.00
Hardware, repairs, and building, .....	805.00
Labor, tools, and seeds, .....	665.00
Travelling Expenses, .....	87.00
Breeding Animals, mules, and cart, .....	1095.00
Miscellaneous, .....	456.00
Individual, .....	479.00
Education of Missionaries Children, .....	250.00
Support of Native Teachers, .....	352.00
Balance, .....	410.00
Total, .....	\$5874.00

#### AUTO FUND.

##### Receipts.

Foreign Mission Treasurer, .....	\$1400.00
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##### Expenditures.

One Ford Car, Insurance, Accessories and Maintenance, .....	1400.00
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#### MEMORIAL SCHOOL FUND.

Balance on hand, Live Stock, .....	\$435.00
No Receipts or Expenditures.	

#### HOSPITAL FUND.

Balance on hand from previous year, .....	203.87
No Receipts or Expenditures.	

#### OUT-SCHOOL FUND.

##### Receipts.

Balance from previous year, .....	\$261.00
Native Contributions, .....	822.00
Grant, aid from Government, .....	100.00

Donation, .....	76.00
Other Sources, .....	332.00
Total, .....	\$1591.00

#### Expenditures.

Teachers' Wages, .....	1450.00
Printing and Stamps, .....	18.00
Building, school furniture and supplies, .....	82.00
Rents, .....	42.00
Total, .....	\$1591.00

#### MTSHABEZI MISSION.

By W. O. Winger.

##### Receipts.

Balance on hand, Jan. 1, 1918, .....	\$ 87.40
Foreign mission Treasurer, .....	2889.40
Government grant, .....	282.00
Farm produce, .....	486.10
Native rents, .....	177.10
Clothing sold, .....	317.20
Allowances for workers, .....	463.98
Miscellaneous, .....	117.30
Total, .....	\$4820.38

##### Expenditures.

Household and provisions, .....	\$ 589.06
Material for sewing classes, grain, supplies bought for boys and girls, .....	1544.78
Building expenses, .....	312.24
Tools, seeds, repairs, and stock, .....	844.24
Labor, .....	740.56
Allowances given to workers, .....	463.98
Personal, stationery, stamps, etc., .....	285.16
Balance on hand, Dec. 31, 1918, .....	40.38
Total, .....	\$4,820.38

Notes—Received for Sisters Alvis and Book for furlough south, .....

Not expended during the year.



**SPECIAL CHURCH FUND.****Receipts.**

Foreign Mission Treasurer, .....	\$601.62
Private offerings, .....	40.66
Cash paid by native members, .....	24.00
Balance due mission, .....	3.92
Total, .....	\$670.20

**Expenditures.**

Material & Labor, .....	\$670.20
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*Remarks*—45 of the members and class members helped 4 weeks at the building of the church, others will help later. The women and girls cut grass for the roof. There is some material needed yet for finishnig the church, but we expect the natives to give enough more to cover this expense, with the exception of material for seats which will still be needed.

**MACHA MISSION.**

By H. Frances Davidson & L. B. Steckley.

**Receipts.**

Balance, December 1918, .....	\$ 781.39
Foreign Mission Board, General Use, .....	1050.00
Special for Teachers, .....	155.90
Mission Offerings, .....	77.20
Farm Produce and Other Income, .....	268.50
Total, .....	\$2,332.99

**Expenditures.**

Provisions and Household, .....	\$ 174.80
Freight, hardware, and Repairs, .....	234.40
Books, Clothing, etc., for boarding pupils, .....	461.50
Labor, .....	104.30
Teachers, .....	245.00
Cattle, .....	112.80
The Bishop's Travelling expenses to Macha, .....	33.60
Miscellaneous, .....	102.24
Total, .....	\$1,468.64
Balance, .....	\$ 864.35

Individual Allowance, ..... \$212.50

**INDIA.**

By H. L. Smith, Field Treas.

**GENERAL MAINTENANCE FUND.****Receipts.**

Balance Mar. 1, 1918, .....	\$ 86.38
From Treas. by drafts, .....	3583.53
Sale of tracts and song books, .....	3.22
Horse and Cart allowance, .....	298.57
Refund on furniture, .....	64.41
Total, .....	\$4,036.11

**Expenditures.**

General Missionary Maintenance, .....	\$1972.37
Special and children allowance, .....	990.26
Purchase and upkeep of horse and carts, .....	389.98
Mission Stationery, .....	17.09
Missionary Sick items, .....	224.95
House furnishing of mission in part, .....	309.07
New Missionaries from Calcutta, .....	39.23
Miscellaneous items, .....	73.13
Cash on hand, March 1, 1919, .....	20.03
Total, .....	\$4036.11

**GENERAL PROPAGATION FUND.****Receipts.**

Balance on March 1, 1918, .....	\$ 112.43
From F. M. Treasurer, .....	490.58
Private and Specials from home and, .....	291.24
Private and Specials from India friends, .....	50.81
Private donations by the missionaries, .....	268.71
Miscellaneous Refund, .....	17.89
Total, .....	\$1242.39

**Expenditures.**

Evangelistic work by native workers, .....	\$299.31
Cloth and food for India poor, .....	133.47
Medical work for natives, .....	164.71

School for natives and christian boys, .....	82.23
Touring in the interior and to out-stations, .....	70.37
Religious literature for sale and distribution, .....	53.55
Sunday School upkeep in villages, .....	2.64
Church expenses, .....	1.92
Birth, death, and marriage fund, .....	4.20
To Supaul for orphanage, .....	214.69
Miscellaneous items, .....	.97
Balance on hand, March 1, 1919, .....	214.33
Total, .....	\$1,242.39

#### GENERAL BUILDING FUND.

##### Receipts.

Balance, March first, 1918, .....	\$1580.74
Refunds, miscellaneous, .....	39.27
From Treasurer for Supaul, .....	1621.00
Income, .....	1.50
Private offerings for Saharsa, .....	7.33
From Treasurer for Madhepura, .....	696.67
Private offerings for Madhepura, .....	22.48
Total, .....	\$3,968.99

##### Expenditures.

Paid to D. E. Rohrer for Supaul, .....	\$2100.41
Paid to Madhepura Building Fund, .....	719.16
Saharsa building items in total, .....	486.50
By cash for Saharsa on hand, Mar. 1, 1919, .....	662.92
Total, .....	\$3,968.99

#### SAHARSA LAND FUND.

##### Receipts.

Balance, March 1, 1918, .....	\$334.90
Refund from Supaul, .....	73.00
Total, .....	\$407.90

##### Expenditures.

To land rent, taxes, and purchases, etc., .....	\$ 37.21
Cash on hand, March 1, 1919, .....	370.69
Total, .....	\$407.90

#### MADHEPURA LAND AND BUILDING FUND.

##### Receipts.

From General Building Fund, .....	\$719.16
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#### Expenditures.

Repair items for rented quarters, .....	\$ 2.12
Cash on hand, March 1, 1919, .....	717.04
Total, .....	\$719.16

We are thankful to all who have so liberally contributed to the needs of the work. May He bless each one individually who has had a share in the giving. "And he that reapeth receiveth wages and gathereth fruit unto life eternal, that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together."

#### CONFERENCE REPORT AND RESOLUTIONS OF THE FOREIGN MISSION BOARD, Adopted.

##### Sec. 1.

Whereas, General Conference of 1915, Art. 13, Sec. 3, pages 52, 53 authorized the Foreign Missionary Board to publish a periodical devoted exclusively to Foreign Missionary enterprise, literature etc., in order to create a deeper interest and greater activity in relation to Foreign Mission work; and,

Inasmuch, as the Foreign Mission Board, in the Home Land, was handicapped for want of a feasible method to circulate such periodical on account of having no subscribers for said publication; and,

Whereas, it would be a difficult matter if not impossible to secure a sufficient number of subscribers to justify the expense of publishing said periodical; therefore,

Be it resolved, that said publication be attached to and become a part of the Evangelical Visitor under the management and control of the Foreign Mission Board.

##### Sec. 2.

Inasmuch, as Sister Catherine Eyer bequeathed the sum of \$250.00, less the Executors fees amounting to \$12.50 to the Foreign Mission work, and made no particular request as to which phase of its use; and,

Whereas, we have already placed moneys given under similar conditions into the Endowment fund of the Foreign Mission Work; therefore we the Foreign Mission Board, recommend to the General Conference that this donation be placed likewise in the above named fund.



Sec. 3.

Whereas, the expense of exchange of money from Canada to United States is excessive under present condition; and,

Whereas, considerable money is contributed by the Brotherhood in Canada, therefore,

Be it resolved, that Elder D. W. Heise, a member of the Foreign Mission Board, residing at Gormley, Ontario, Canada, be and is hereby appointed Sub-Treasurer of the Foreign Mission Board to receive all donations and contributions to said fund from the Canadian side and remit direct to the Foreign Field as advised by the voucher issued by the Secretary and forward by the Treasurer of the Foreign Mission Board, thus saving the expense of exchange; therefore be it further

Resolved, that the Brethren of Canada remit all money for the Foreign Mission fund to the said D. W. Heise.

Sec. 4.

Whereas, our outgoing Missionaries, Bro. and Sr. I. O. Lehman and Bro. and Sr. Harvey Lady enroute to Johannesburg, S. A. were stranded for nearly two months at Sydney, Australia, unable to secure passage; and,

Whereas, they were at considerable expense during their stay at said place, cheerfully took up manual labor at their former trade of carpentry, earning nearly their entire expense; therefore,

We recommend to General Conference this recognition of the cheerful sacrifice they made at their own volition which is most commendable.

Sec. 5

Whereas, the Mtshabezi Mission Station is greatly in need of a 12-horse power engine to grind their corn for porridge, to run a saw for wood and lumber cutting for building, etc., which they have been previously compelled to do by hand which is entirely too laborious and taking too much of their time; and,

Whereas, such an outfit would cost approximately \$1500.00; and,

Whereas, the workers at this Station are necessitated to live in mud huts which are perishable and unsanitary, and are greatly in need of a permanent dwelling of about six to seven rooms which would cost approximately \$2500 therefore; be it,

Resolved, that the Foreign Mission Board be authorized to take up a special offering throughout the Brotherhood through the columns of the Evangelical Visitor or otherwise to secure the needed sum of money required for the purchase of the aforesaid engine and outfit including a circular saw and grinder and for the erection of the permanent dwelling above referred to and thus relieve the present strenuous situation.

Sec. 6.

Whereas, the workers in India are in need of appropriations for various purposes; therefore,

Resolved, that the following amounts be applied to these needs:

For Building Purposes, -----	\$1000.00
For Propagation Work, -----	600.00
For Education of Children, -----	300.00
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Total, -----	\$1900.00

and since having lost their horse, and are in great need of a cow for the support of the workers which will cost approximately \$300.00 and since considerable money has been stolen, not having Banking conveniences for depositing and checking their accounts, they are,

Therefore, in need of a place of greater security to place their money and valuables; and,

Whereas, we have been informed directly from the field that second hand safes can be secured for \$40.00 each; therefore be it,

Resolved, that the Foreign Mission Board be authorized to make a special plea for this special fund through the Church periodical or any other method, to secure these needed funds.

Sec. 7.

Whereas, the Mission at Johannesburg, South Africa, has been built on government grant; and,

Whereas, the location has proved unhealthy on account of the dust from the mine; and,

Whereas, the Deep Mine Company is purchasing property in that community, and there seems to be a prospect

for the missionaries to depose of the property at a fair price; and,

Whereas, should they fail to avail themselves of this opportunity, in all probability, if they ever intended to dispose of the said property later, they would be compelled to do so at a great sacrifice, and inasmuch as the health of the missionaries is in question, which is very vital; therefore, be it and hereby is,

**Resolved**, by this Conference that the privilege of disposing of this property by Eld. Isaac O. Lehman be granted and that the power of attorney which is necessary for the transfer of the same be furnished by the Foreign Mission Board.

**Sec. 8.**

Inasmuch as the Foreign work has grown very rapidly in the last decade, and in view of the many new problems that arise each year, it becomes very difficult to properly solve them, due to the lack of satisfactory information, and inasmuch as old methods can not satisfactory everlay new conditions, the Board thinks proper that the field be visited, including Africa, India; and inasmuch as the Church has in contemplation the opening of new fields in Armenia and Syria that this field be also visited by two representatives; be it therefore,

**Resolved**, that Conference consider the advisability of sending two members of the Foreign Mission Board to visit these fields, to obtain much needed information, in this Conference Year.

**Sec. 9.**

Inasmuch, as the church has in contemplation the opening of new fields in Armenia, according to ruling of Conference of 1913, held in Oklahoma, Art. 16, page 47; and,

**Inasmuch**, as the cruel war affected the Bible land as well as others, thereby hindering the forward move up to the present time, recognizing that the time is now here, in fact, the field is opening up, conditions are unique favoring unusual opportunities; and,

Whereas, the workers are at hand, ready for any sacrifice for the privilege of preaching Christ to the persecutors of a down trodden and martyred people, hearing the call for help and having faith in the ones who are hearing the call, and ready to respond, the thought of the

Board is that effort be made at this time to launch the work; and,

Whereas, all efforts of this kind suggest to us thorough preparedness, we recommend to Conference that an organized effort be launched, such as a campaign of information, relative to this people and their land, also that missionary conference be held for this great work as well as to create new interest in the already begun activities of the church; be it therefore,

**Resolved**, that his conference of 1919 authorize the Foreign Mission Board to formulate plans in raising funds, to made effective the carrying out of former decisions, and made practical the above preambles and recommendations.

**Sec. 10.**

Inasmuch as it will require approximately \$16,000.00 for the yearly maintenance fund; we therefore,

**Recommend**, that a budget of the said amount be provided for this conference year for the Foreign Missionary operation.

**Sec. 11.**

Inasmuch, as the organization of the active committee as created under Art. 50, Section K, page 61, Conference Minutes of 1918, was not affected during said year; therefore,

**Resolved**, that Eld. Isaac C. Engle, Clayton, Ohio, be chairman and Elder D. W. Heise, Gormley, Ontario, Secretary.

The division of Church territory under the supervision of each member of this committee to be as follows:

Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, and Illinois—Isaac C. Engle.

All of Canada including New York State,—D. W. Heise.

All territory west of the Mississippi,—J. N. Engle

State of Pennsylvania,—Jacob L. Heisey.

All missionaries desiring information concerning Church territory, visitation, meetings, etc., should correspond with Chairman Isaac C. Engle, Clayton, Ohio, who will see that necessary arrangements are made and after being made should be implicitly followed.



Sec. 12.

OUTGOING MISSIONARIES FOR AFRICA

Lila Coon, Pleasant Hill, Ohio.  
Eliphalet J. and Ella F. Broyles, Sparta, Tenn.  
J. Lester and Emma Myers, Greencastle, Pa.  
Beulah E. Musser, 6039 Halstead St., Chicago, Ill.

OUTGOING MISSIONARIES TO INDIA

Clarence E. Heise, Gormley, Ont.  
Ruth Brechbill, Avilla, Ind.  
Ella Gayman, Shippensburg, Pa.

NEW APPLICANTS

David B. and Susan L. Heisey, Lebanon, Pa. R.4.  
Anna Winger ----- Grantham, Pa.  
Martha Kauffman, ----- Abilene, Kans.  
Mary Brenneman, ----- Pleasant Hill, O.  
Grace E. Miller, ----- Morrison, Ill.  
Anna McCulloh, ----- Morrison, Ill.  
Meriam Steininger, ----- Thomas, Okla.

Sec. 13.

REST HOME.

Twenty two years ago, our first missionaries landed upon the strange shores of dark Africa. Interesting is the history of this God directed work by our people. Many victories have been recorded, and many more will add inspiration and courage to our people. But we dare not overlook the many hardships and sacrifices that were made and are still being made by our loved and noble workers in the field. Many seemingly useless sacrifices were made by our noble band that could be avoided. Could the ones speak to us whose bodies lie buried beneath the breadfruit tree, of South Africa, they would tell us a story of hardship that could hardly be believed.

Will we benefit by the past and make easier their heavy burdens?

The Measme swamps of this land and almost unbearable heat, work hardship and undermine the health of our workers. These conditions make it necessary for a frequent return of our missionaries as well as an occasional trip to the coast for a needed rest. Our brotherhood has a large field of labor, but no place of rest. Our workers express a desire for a home of our own.

Inasmuch, as the above conditions and the workers have felt a need of a rest home where in times of distress and sickness, rest and comfort can be found; and,

Whereas, a school as well is needed for the education of our missionaries' children, this being a new condition that must be met, the board is face to face with these problems which must be solved; and,

Inasmuch as the need is here, we have the pleasure to announce to this Body the name of Bishop S. B. Stoner and Family, of Grantham, Pa., who reaffirmed his conviction as recorded in Conference Minutes of 1906, held in Des Moines, Iowa, Page 36, therefore, be it

Resolved, that this Conference authorize the Foreign Mission Board, to lay plans to make effective the above preamble and resolution.

Foreign Mission Meeting: Sunday P. M., May 18, 1919.

Condensed reports of the work were given by members of the Foreign Mission Board. "Need of New House at Mtshabezi Mission, S. A." was presented by J. R. Eyster; "Itinerary in India" was discussed by Elder J. L. Heisey; Elder D. W. Heise spoke on "Possibilities of the Home Church by Financial Support"; and Elder Isaac C. Engle set forth "The Sacrifice of Native Teachers". Elder Meshack Krikorian followed with an address on the proposed Armenia work.

At the evening service a number of our out-going missionaries were ordained. The missionary sermon was preached by C. N. Hostetter.

A lively interest was manifest throughout and the approximate sum of \$2260 was contributed toward the support of the cause.

## HOME MISSIONS.

### BUFFALO MISSION.

By George Whisler and Workers.

Greeting in the precious name of Jesus.

As our minds reflect upon the events of the Conference year, we are impressed that this has indeed been an eventful year. We are glad to be able to say to the praise of God that through all that has come to pass through war and pestilence, He had cared for the interests of his cause here.

We have followed about the usual routine of work. Our S. S. has continued about the same in numbers and interest. Several of our children have definitely accepted Christ and give good evidence to being saved. One of our greatest problems is to know how to care for the lambs and to protect them against the terrible tide of temptation they have to face continually. It is not only grown people who are so tied with all kind of organizations that it seems impossible to reach them, but satan has subtil schemes to keep even the young from any influence for good.

Some efforts were made to do open air work. But that seems to have increasing difficulties too. Pleasure riding and the popular moving picture show are certainly great leaders in desecrating the Lord's day. But we know the Lord will not fail to honor his word and he always gives some encouragement along the way.

The many deaths caused by the influenza epidemic has resulted in bringing conviction to at least a few. We have felt some spiritual blessing through this. Just how many souls have been saved during the year we could not say. Of those who have professed several seem to be of the prepared soil kind.

Bro. O. B. Ulery labored with us faithfully for a period of three weeks. There were some encouraging results and apparently if the meeting could have continued much more could have been accomplished.

We are very thankful to the Lord and to all the friends of the mission for the abundant supplying of all our needs.

May the work go on until Jesus comes is our sincere wish and prayer.

### RECEIPTS.

Balance brought forward, -----	\$ 10.65
Contributed during year, -----	537.59
Total, -----	\$548.24
Total expenses for the year, -----	505.64
Balance, -----	\$ 42.60

### CHICAGO MISSION.

By Sarah H. Bert and Workers.

The children of Isreal were commanded to repair the house of God from year to year, II Chron. 24:5. This same command comes to us today as Keepers of the Lord's house, which has been dedicated and set apart for worship, and as a place of shelter for weary passers-by.

Because of the high cost of material as well as labor we would rather refrain from any such work, but whatever God commands us to do, it is for us to do and He is able to help in the performing of it. The fulfilling of His promise to supply the needs does not depend upon times nor high cost of living, for the greater the need the larger is the supply.

The greater part of the walls of this large three-story building have not been repapered since we took possession eleven years ago, and the walls were in such condition that we felt it necessary to repaper.

The spirituality of the Mission is best understood when compared to a tree. A tree may grow fine and well for a time, then hindrances come in and the tree seems to be at a standstill. Suddenly it takes new life. Just so the past year has suffered many hindrances. The war seemed to bring a hardness. Men and women did not care to seek God. The "Flu" epidemic made its inroads into many homes and took quite a few of our number. The Lord seemed to put his special seal upon the revival meetings which were conducted by brother Frank Brechbill. A number sought and found peace and believers were brought into a deeper life and fellowship with God. Then, after the meetings closed, Satan arrayed himself against us, but the Lord undertook in a marvelous way. His right hand and His holy arm hath gotten Him the



victory." So now, there seems to be new life and deeper spirituality than before.

We have two Gospel services on Sunday. In the Sunday School there is an enrollment of about 200 and in the Young Peoples Meeting we have an enrollment of sixty. The Junior Bible Class is held on Wednesday afternoon. We have two prayer-meetings during the week, and each Thursday afternoon is devoted to the reading of God's word and prayer for the work. As soon as the weather will permit we expect to hold street-meetings on Saturday evening, telling out the Gospel glad tidings.

Inasmuch as the Lord has called Sr. Beulah Musser out of our midst to another part of His vineyard, He has not been unmindful of the need here, but has called into the work Sister Harriet Gough and Sister Elmo Brechbill.

We wish to express our heart-felt thanks to all those who have so bountifully supplied our needs, but above all we long that your prayers continue for us. The strength of your prayers has been keenly felt in times of severe battles and testings. Our one aim is to stand true to God until the last battle has been fought. May it be said of those at home and those out in the work, "She hath done what she could."

#### GENERAL FUND.

##### RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand from last year, -----	\$ 61.01
Donations, -----	739.18
Balance on hand in Coal Fund, -----	21.67
Donations for coal, -----	249.58
Total, -----	\$1,071.44

##### EXPENDITURES.

Household expenses, -----	\$698.48
Paid out for coal, -----	232.72
Total, -----	\$931.20
Balance on hand, -----	\$140.24

#### POOR FUND.

##### RECEIPTS.

Balance carried over, -----	\$ 27.78
Donations, -----	107.61
Total, -----	\$135.39

#### EXPENDITURES.

Christmas dinners, -----	30.00
Coal, -----	35.00
Provisions, -----	15.00
Dry goods, -----	10.50
Total, -----	\$ 90.50
Balance on hand, -----	\$ 44.89

#### REPAIR FUND.

##### RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand, -----	\$ 5.55
Donations, -----	471.83
Total, -----	\$477.38

#### EXPENDITURES.

Electric wiring, two floors, -----	\$168.00
Fixtures, lights, etc., -----	112.00
Repapering entire bldg., paper and labor, -----	165.68
Rapairing light shaft and plastering, -----	25.99
Total, -----	\$471.67
Balance on hand, -----	\$ 5.71

#### CHAMBERSBURG MISSION.

By A. O. and Elizabeth Wenger.

Another year is in the past and we feel thankful for the blessings which it has brought in a spiritual way and of good health.

The work is going on as usual, not so many come out, yet a few went through—we feel to praise God for the few. There are some discouraging things come along the way, but if the church sees fit we will continue the work with your prayers and God's help.

Quite a number moved in our community and we praise God for it. These encourage us very much.

Received during year, -----	\$228.41
Expenses during year, -----	197.10
Balance on hand, April, 1919, -----	\$ 31.31

# DAYTON MISSION.

By W. H. and Susie Boyer.

We are so thankful that our lives have been spared to the closing of another Conference year, that we might be able to present one more annual report of the work here at this place, it truly has been through the great care and mercy of God, who has made it possible, to work for Him in the little place He has given unto us one more year.

As we consider the conditions that are now existing all over our land spiritually it makes us feel so sad. Our hearts are greatly burdened to see the many so indifferent and without any apparent fear of death or of the dreadful day of judgment that is so near to be determined, unless they become saved. This has been the most solemn and sad year to us of all the seven years since here in the work. Inasmuch as the dreaded disease of influenza caused so many deaths in our city—there were three dear ones of our little band who left us are gone to their long and eternal home. While we so dearly loved them and do miss them so much in our chapel services, yet we are so glad that we need not weep as those who have no hope. How thankful we are for the evidence they have left us that they have gone to be at rest with Jesus. Therefore we would not wish them back in this dark, sinful and unfriendly world, if we could, for they have now obtained that eternal deliverance and are now safely anchored in the haven of rest.

The very object for which this mission has been launched is that precious souls might be rescued out of this awful and untold sinful world and made ready by the precious blood of the lamb that they might spend their ages with the redeemed in Glory.

We appreciated very much to have with us our dear Bishop O. B. Ulery of Springfield, Ohio, in our series of meetings which came to pass the later part of September and the fore part of October. The Lord enabled our brother to be a real blessing to our little flock and the work here. We were so glad for the inspiring and definite teaching of the Word of God and for the spiritual help that a number of precious souls received as a result of that meeting.

We will report our services as heretofore: Sunday-school and two preaching services each Lord's day, two weekly prayer meetings, the special hour of prayer on Wednesday at 2 P. M., followed by a children's meeting. Saturday evening a street meeting uptown, Sunday evening at 6 P. M. we have an open air meeting near the mission preceding the evening chapel service.

While it is sad to observe the blindfolded condition of the hearts of the unsaved, the coldness and formality of the professed people, and the very few who are interested in spiritual things; yet we are glad that there are a few at least who are being saved. One dear soul has been received in our church body. May she remain true and continue to be a real bright christian light is our prayer.

We are glad for the privilege also to report an abundant supplying of our temporal needs through the kind hands and loving hearts of our dear brethren and sisters and kind friends. May the Lord greatly bless and reward them all for what they have so kindly rendered in our behalf, is our prayer.

We truly desire to remain as one with you in the mission field until the Lord says it is enough. We crave a deep interest in your prayers that God may enable us to serve faithfully as unto Him in behalf of the salvation of the lost of earth.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance from previous year, -----	\$ 23.06
Donations received during year, -----	683.69
Total, -----	\$706.75
Total Expenditures, -----	487.95
Balance on hand, -----	\$218.80

## SPECIAL POOR FUND.

Balance from previous year, -----	\$1.87
Donations received during year, -----	29.95
Total, -----	\$31.82
Total expenditures, -----	20.73
Balance, -----	\$11.09



# DES MOINES MISSION.

By J. R. and Anna Zook.

## RECEIPTS.

Total receipts from free-will contribut'ns,	\$627.83
Received from the H. M. Treas., -----	146.45
Received from Home Mission B. for purchase of coal, -----	80.00
Grand total, -----	\$854.28
Balance in hand, -----	\$31.12

Another year has been measured off on the dial of time. Many great events have taken place, some for good, others for evil. It is evident that the hearts of the people are growing colder and much harder to win to Christ than in former years. We have had, however, a goodly number of conversions, which as far as we could see, were genuine and hopeful.

The work was greatly hindered by the Spanish influenza, through the quarantine and sickness.

Just how much good has been done is better known by omniscient God than by us. In the face of all the discouragements we realize that God has been with us, and that our labor has not been in vain in the Lord; but are inclined to feel greatly encouraged, for our redemption (the resurrection of the just) is nearer than when we first believed. We wish to express our gratitude to our beloved brotherhood for so nobly standing by and supporting the work at this place by prayer and means.

# LANCASTER MISSION.

By Geo. C. and Ada Haagen.

God's clock moves unceasingly. Before we are scarcely aware another year is measured off for us. Only as we sight across fixed milestones can we realize how rapidly we are moving down the valley of time.

Our circle of acquaintances has widened, our activities have been multiplied, and in consequence we find ourselves more busily engaged than ever. The building improvements have given a commodious and inviting

audience room. In response to some of the solicitations that have been made, a larger number find themselves in attendance. In the Sunday School, especially, is this true.

The revival effort conducted by Bishop J. R. Zook, which was held during parts of February and March was a very profitable season with us. Upwards of ninety gave testimony of having received special blessing and help.

However our ideals have not been reached. Viewing results in a certain light would not be encouraging; remembering the life, word, and direction of One who is infinitely greater we are constrained to remain true and help keep the lower lights aglow.

Our hearts go out in praise and adoration to Him for the many branches of help that have been rendered unto us. We also thank those whom he has chosen to use as agents in our behalf. We realize that our arms have been upheld. The temporal needs have been supplied. Faithful service has been rendered. And we believe that all those who through a true heart interest have so nobly assisted in the work purchase to themselves a good degree somewhat similar to the faithful official who measures full with God's standard.

Number of persons entertained, -----	275
Number of meals given, -----	790
Number of persons lodged, -----	246

## RECEIPTS.

Individuals, -----	\$181.92
Collection box, -----	9.80
Manor-Pequea district, church Treas., --	146.68
Total, -----	\$338.40

## EXPENDITURES.

Telephone, -----	\$ 24.00
Gas, -----	37.30
Provision, -----	245.87
Water, -----	16.60
Repairs, -----	1.25
Total, -----	\$325.02
Balance on hand, April 1, 1919, -----	\$ 13.38

## VIRGINIA MISSION.

By Denny and Marie Jennings.

Dear Brethren and Sisters, Greetings in Our Great and Precious Jesus' Name.

A year has past with many happenings to us here on the battlefield for souls. Praise God it has been a wonderful happy year. We have had the privilege of learning many lessons and expect to learn many more. Surely it is a privilege to have to leave all to follow Jesus and when we do how wonderfully and bountifully He does supply our every need praise His name. We know He will bless all you dear saints who have part in the building up of the work in Virginia. Not only in the natural building but also in the spiritual. Some may think they haven't done so much as others but if they pray for us that is one of the main things we need and they may be sure of their reward for helping us even in that way.

Since the reason for the building of the new mission is generally known we will not go into detail of how we were forced for Jesus' sake, to give up the cozy little home we had for a mission station. Suffice it to say Satan had a mind to drive us from this place and put it into the hearts of his servants to refuse the Brethren a shelter in the hills but thanks be to God the cattle of a thousand hills are His. Bless His Holy Name. We feel very unworthy of the home and comforts the Brethren have placed here for us workers but we are thankful for them and know God will bless each one of you for we know it is done as unto Jesus. We are not, however, tied to the comforts of life for when Father says again go on farther into the hills and mountains, take a log cabin or anything for the sake of Jesus' gladly we will go. Our desire is for souls and we expect to be busy for our Master wherever He leads. We trust He will send other consecrated workers into this place to help us as the work increases, to take charge here and allow us to press on. New lands are yet to be possessed and souls yet to be brought from darkness into light. We do not need to go far to find plenty of Missionary work, the trouble is to find the workers that are satisfied to put up with anything and almost everything for Jesus' sake to win souls to Him.

We already have about four children that want to come to the Mission and stay this winter so as to have an opportunity to go to school. We expect to take them in and do what we can for them and teach them the true way of salvation also. They need to learn how to keep clean and I guess some need to learn how to get clean. We are glad to teach them by the help of Our Teacher. We are willing to sacrifice anything we may have to take these children in if the way continues open to for we realize they may yet become missionaries in their own homes and to their own people.

Praise God our Sunday School has increased since last year when it had an average of about sixteen and now the average is about thirty each Sunday. We are quite handicapped for teachers but looking to God to lay it upon some young sister or better still upon some Brother and Sister to come to labor with us and be teachers to these folks of the hills, for how can they know the way except they have teachers.

We are glad to report to the brotherhood that during the past year one soul (worth more than the whole world) was gloriously saved from sin. She takes the humble way of the cross. She is out and out on plainness, Divine Healing and Holiness and all that God has for her praise His Name. So we thank God that the efforts put forth have not been in vain.

We trust many souls may be born into the Kingdom from the new Chapel that is being built here by the Brethren. There are also many places open to have tent meeting if the tent and workers come this way. Surly now is the time for us to be busy for Our Master and not to wait until tomorrow. Some say today is the time to be saved and not tomorrow we think today is the time for us to be diligent in our Master's service also and not put it off until tomorrow.

We can not, it seems, fully express our thanks to the dear saints who have so wonderfully helped us this past year and thus have furthered on the work in Virginia we feel very humble and unworthy but we look to Our God to richly and abundantly bless each one of your dear ones and we extend a hearty welcome to you all to come to Virginia Mission, the home of the Brethren in the South and a refuge home where many will be



brought to Our Precious Jesus we trust. While we have opposers here we also have real supporters, those who concede the truth of the doctrine we teach so we need the united prayers of the brotherhood that we may stand firm and true, that the true light may shine forth among these people.

#### RECEIPTS.

May 1918, -----	\$121.18
June and July, -----	186.89
August, -----	103.42
Sept. -----	63.35
October, -----	17.00
November, -----	70.00
December, -----	153.10
January, 1919, -----	62.85
February, -----	121.00
March, -----	47.00
April, -----	140.68
Total, -----	\$1,086.47

#### EXPENDITURES.

May, 1918, -----	\$107.62
June and July, -----	151.25
August, -----	121.20
September -----	67.31
October, -----	41.90
November, -----	55.51
December, -----	64.91
January, 1919, -----	90.31
February, -----	36.28
March, -----	80.45
April, -----	243.97
Total, -----	\$1,060.71
Balance on hand, -----	\$ 25.76

#### HOME MISSION BOARDS REPORT.

By V. L. Stump, Secy.

To General Conference of 1919 Greeting:—

It is with thankfulness to our Heavenly Father that we again endeavor to report the activities of this past year.

We are aware that the efforts of the city and rural mission this past year were met with many hindrances which was true of all religious enterprises.

As far as we know there have been accessions in all of the Missions and the attendance good. There were special efforts put forth in all of the Missions during some part of the year and in the Virginia Mission three special efforts were made in bringing the message of the Gospel to the needy souls of the South. Two of these efforts were conducted by Bishop O. B. Ulery and Elder Lafayette Shoalts and the results were quite satisfactory considering the conditions which obtained. The other effort was put forth by a number of the Brethren from Penna., among them being Elder H. O. Musser and Elder Irvin Musser. This effort also resulted in much good and during this time one sister united with us in Church fellowship. The outlook at present is very encouraging as shown forth in the Virginia Mission Report and in the resolutions concerning that part of the work.

There was a special effort put forth in Texas by Bishop J. R. Zook, services being held at two places and even though the meetings were compelled to close after being started the work done was very encouraging, resulting in the salvation of a number of souls, some of which have united in Church Fellowship.

In accordance with the resolutions of General Conference 1918, a tent was purchased for the work in California in conjunction with the California Church and Elder Jesse Eyster and wife, with a number of other Workers engaged in a tent meeting at three different places during the summer months. These efforts, we are sure were blessed of God and even though we cannot report great numbers turning to the Lord, we feel that the seed has been sown and souls have once more been pointed to the Lamb of God.

There was also a tent meeting held in Oregon conducted by Elder Jesse Eyster and Workers, the Home Mission tent formerly used in Oklahoma being used there. There were quite a number of conversions and some have united with the Church.

The Home Mission tent in the central states was used at Conference and for some little time after in the Elkhart, Indiana District and the results were most gratifying, resulting in the salvation of quite a number of souls

and accessions to the Church. On account of unfavorable conditions the tent was not used again until in August when a tent meeting was at Ludlow Falls, Ohio, and the meetings there results in the strengthening of the Saints and bringing victory to a number of precious souls. The last night of these meetings was a very special one, the congregation, and especially the children; being melted down with real Bible conviction, resulting in a mighty cry to God for pardon and help.

The San Francisco Mission has since the latter part of October been in charge of Elder Jesse Wenger, Wife and Workers, Sister Maggie Sollenberger having returned to her home and Sister Elizabeth Wenger being incapacitated for the work there on account of a complete physical break down and is at this time still unable to return to the work. Brother Jesse Wenger and wife entered the work without obligating themselves for a longer period of time than this conference year and now wish to be relieved. It is, therefore, the earnest prayer of this Board that Workers may at once be forthcoming to fill these needy places. The Mission was visited at Christmas time by Bishop D. R. Eyster, Treasure of the Home Mission Board and report from him indicate that an aggressive work was being accomplished for the Master.

The Mooretown Mission which has been in charge of Brother and Sister Lester Myers is also left without a Pastor at this time, they leaving for the Foreign field. We truly appreciate the faithful labors of Brother Myers and his companion and wish them the blessing of God in their further efforts for His Kingdom.

The Buffalo Mission was visited by the Secretary of the Home Mission Board and a revival meeting which had promise of satisfying results was in progress when the Influenza quarantine compelled us to close the meeting. The work there has its peculiar problems but on the whole is on a very encouraging basis. It has suffered some by various teaching by which some of the attendants at the Mission have been more or less influenced. These influences which were from the outside have somewhat spent their force but there is still an urgent need of some strong, Spirit filled man to assist the Workers in the very near future in behalf of the little flock which we feel should be rooted and grounded in the Faith

and also in behalf of others who may still be gathered into the fold.

The Chicago Mission was also visited at different times during the year by the Secretary of this Board and we are glad to report that the work there is making steady advances although hindered in its various operations by conditions which obtained during this past year. The present outlook is very encouraging. During the year Brother Wm. Smith one of the converts was ordained to the Christian Ministry. Sister Beulah Musser who spent about 14 years in the work has left the Mission for the purpose of entering into foreign missionary work and we feel to here express our kindly appreciation of her faithful labors and efforts during these years in connection with the work there. We are also glad to report that new workers have already entered the field and are being initiated in this most glorious work of saving souls.

The special disbursements of the Board for the past year were as follows:

To the individual workers engaged in active work,	
the sum of -----	\$ 20.00
each for personal uses,	
For California tent purchase, -----	250.00
For Bro. Jesse Eyster, -----	225.00
This includes \$100 Railroad fare and \$125 Honorium.	
Eld. Lafayette Shoalts for Virginia, -----	50.00
Bish. O. B. Ulery for Virginia, -----	35.00
Sr. Anna Hoover, -----	10.00
Bro. Jesse Wenger and Sr. Tucker, fare to San Francisco, -----	\$270.00
Evangelical Visitor Account for extra copies for Missions, -----	35.00
Sr. Elizabeth Wenger, -----	50.00
Sr. Beulah Musser, -----	100.00
Eld. J. L. Myers, -----	150.00
Bish. J. R. Zook, for Texas, -----	80.00
Eld. T. H. Dohner, moving expenses, -----	100.00



# HOME MISSION BOARD CONFERENCE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS, ADOPTED.

## Sec. 1.

Whereas, in the launching of the work in Virginia a suitable place had to be secured in which the workers could live and perform their various duties in connection with the work; and,

Whereas, the first place chosen there fitted for the home of the workers was on property not owned and controlled by the Church; and,

Whereas, conditions developed which made it necessary for the workers to secure a place where the work could be carried on with freedom and according to the belief and doctrine of the church; and,

Whereas, no suitable place could be rented, the workers occupying an improvised stable during the winter and privileged to remain only until April 1st., it became necessary for the continuance of the work, to make some provision for the workers on the field; and,

Whereas, a small strip of land containing about 20 acres, and in many ways desirable to the project in hand, was offered to the Home Mission Board for the sum of \$600.00; and,

Whereas, the Lord laid it upon the hearts of a few Brethren from the State of Pennsylvania to propose to the Executive part of the Home Mission Board that they be allowed the privilege of furnishing the means to purchase said land and erect suitable buildings subject to the approval of the Home Mission Board for the said workers with the promise that the Home Mission Board would not be held responsible for any financial obligations which might be incurred and that as soon as the buildings were completed and the debt paid, they be deeded to the Church, therefore, in view of these facts, the Executive part of the Home Mission Board give their consent to the purchase of the land and the erection of the buildings as herein after stated. This work was placed in the hands of Elder H. O. Musser, member of the Home Mission Board, who we believe in the fear of God, furthered and directed the project until the present time. We have now nearly completed a house 24 x 34 with 8 rooms and a barn 24 x 26, a chicken house 10 x 12 and a Chapel

20 x 30 almost completed. We are glad also to report that the financial responses to this project have been most satisfactory, the amount contributed for this purpose reaching the sum of \$2,275.20 with 200.00 in addition still available. The approximate cost of these buildings and all other Mission equipment when completed will be about; \$2250.00,

We therefore, pray General Conference to accept the land and property as purchased, erected and paid for as the property of the Brethren in Christ Church, to be held in trust by the Trustees confirmed by this Conference, and, be it further,

## Sec. 2.

Resolved, that Elder H. O. Musser, Elder Denny E. Jennings and Sister R. M. Stillwell be confirmed as trustees of the Virginia Mission property; and be it further,

## Sec. 3.

Resolved, that all moneys received by Elder H. O. Musser, in addition to the cost of this land and building equipment, shall be placed in the hands of the General Home Mission Treasury and used as a Virginia special fund; and, be it further,

## Sec. 4.

Resolved, that we hereby express our appreciation of the faithful and sacrificing efforts and labors of Elder H. O. Musser and others in this effort; and, be it further

## Sec. 5.

Resolved, that as soon as the Virginia Mission buildings are completed they shall be dedicated as the property of the Brethren in Christ Church; and, be it further

## Sec. 6.

Resolved, that this dedicatory service shall be performed by Bish. C. N. Hostetter and Eld. H. O. Musser, D. V.

## Sec. 7.

### VIRGINIA MISSION BUILDING FUND.

#### RECEIPTS.

Offering, -----	\$ 56.20
H. O. Musser, -----	1000.00
H. O. Musser, -----	400.00

Ollie Bentzel, -----	25.00
Wainfleet Sunday School, -----	49.00
H. O. Musser, -----	100.00
Charlotte Neidrauer, -----	5.00
Harvey Lauver, -----	2.50
Offerings, -----	185.00
H. O. Musser, -----	100.00
Total, -----	\$1,922.70
Additional, -----	327.50
Grand total, receipts, ---	\$2250.20

#### EXPENDITURES.

Amount on Lumber for Mission, ---	\$ 50.00
Amount to secure land for mission, --	6.20
Paid L. M. Stilwell for land, -----	600.00
Door lock, -----	1.60
Help on cellar, -----	6.00
Lumber payment, -----	150.00
Oil Barrel, -----	2.35
Gloves for stone work, -----	1.25
Fencing, -----	114.09
Work on wall, -----	2.00
Deed recording, -----	4.25
Hauling, -----	29.60
Lumber, -----	50.00
Hauling, -----	3.40
Nails, -----	13.80
Shovel, -----	1.00
Nails, -----	9.50
Doors and Windows, -----	70.00
Cement, -----	35.06
Labor, -----	43.00
Gloves for building, -----	.35
Lumber, -----	50.00
Brick, -----	7.05
Line, -----	.50
Gloves for building, -----	.35
Paint, -----	28.50
Lock, -----	1.60
Lime and freight, -----	4.97
Labor, -----	3.20

Brick and barrels, -----	5.20
Nails, -----	.50
Hauling, -----	3.00
Glue and putty, -----	.60
Roofing, -----	37.60
Freight and drayage on paint, -----	1.50
Lumber, -----	70.00
Planing, -----	18.39
Building material for flue, -----	3.78
Paint, -----	1.50
Lime, -----	5.00
Lumber, -----	2.16
Hauling, -----	13.34
Henry Lehman, -----	25.00
Lumber, -----	70.25
Labor, -----	15.00
Nails, -----	2.40
Windows and door chapel, -----	17.50
Hauling, -----	2.00
Freight, -----	2.70
Hauling, -----	.98
Expenses, -----	322.70
Labor, -----	86.00
Total, -----	\$1,996.72

Approximate cost of completion, ---- \$2250.00

Amount still available, ----- \$200.00

Inasmuch, as a call has been received from Wachapreague, Virginia, for the gospel and inasmuch as there are indications of a ripe field for evangelistic efforts; therefore, be it

#### Sec. 8.

Resolved, that the Pennsylvania representatives of the Home Mission Board be instructed to secure some suitable brother and an effort be made to open the work. The arrangements be made subject to the executive part of the Home Mission Board.

Whereas, Sisters Elmo Brechbill and Harriet Gough entered the work in the Chicago Mission and inasmuch as ordination is requested for them; therefore, be it



**Sec. 9.**

**Resolved**, that this ordination be effected.

**Whereas**, General Conference of 1918 authorized the Home Mission Board to purchase tents and secure workers for various tent and evangelistic enterprises; therefore, be it

**Sec. 10.**

**Resolved**, that a complete evangelistic tent outfit, including cooking and sleeping tents be purchased for tabernacle work in Pennsylvania; and,

**Whereas**, the tent equipment of the tents now operated by the Home Mission Board is incomplete; therefore, be it

**Sec. 11.**

**Resolved**, that such additional equipment shall be provided and such additional evangelistic bands be placed in the Central and Western States as may be deemed advisable by the Home Mission Board; and,

**Whereas**, the State of California has again applied for eth service of Elder J. R. Eyster and wife to continue the California tent campaign during the ensuing summer months; therefore, be it

**Sec. 12.**

**Resolved**, that this petition be granted them; and, be it further

**Sec. 13.**

**Resolved**, that all evangelists and workers shall be subject to conditions as outlined under Art. 49, Resolution 4, page 57, Conference Minutes of 1918.

**Whereas**, Bish. J. R. Zook desires to be relieved of the work of the Des Moines Mission so as to give more time to evangelistic efforts; therefore, be it

**Sec. 14**

**Resolved**, that as soon as proper workers can be secured they shall be given charge of the Des Moines Mission work.

**Whereas**, there are several members located in Indiana Co., Pa., and as some difference of opinion apparently has existed as to who is responsible for the oversight of these isolated ones; therefore,

**Sec. 15.**

**Resolved**, that the members of Indiana Co., Pa., be placed under the supervision of Bish. Isaac Stern.

**MISSION WORKERS ASSIGNED.**

**Sec. 16.**

**CHICAGO MISSION.**

Sarah H. Bert, Supt; B. L. Brubaker and wife; Sr. Anna Bert; Eld. C. J. Carlson, Pastor; Sr. Harriet Gough; Sr. Elmo Brechbill.

**SAN FRANCISCO MISSION.**

Sr. Maggie Sollenberger, Supt; Sr. Edith Hoover, Sr. Mary Kindig.

**BUFFALO MISSION.**

Eld. Geo. E. and Effie Whisler.

**PHILADELPHIA MISSION.**

Eld. Wilbur and Sr. Lizzie Snider; Sr. Hazel Wolfe; Sr. Mary Wenger.

**DES MOINES IOWA.**

Bish. J. R. and Sr. Anna Zook.

**DAYTON MISSION.**

Eld. Wm. H. and Sr. Susie Boyer, Sr. Ethel French.

**LANCASTER MISSION.**

Eld. Geo. C. and Sr. Ada Haagen; Sr. Ada Hess.

**CHAMBERSBURG MISSION.**

Bro. A. O. and Elizabeth Wenger.

**SYLVATUS MISSION, VIRGINIA.**

Eld. D. E. and Marie Jennings; Anna R. Engle.

**MOORTOWN CENTER, MICHIGAN.**

Not definitely arranged for.

**Sec. 17.**

**WORKERS RECOMMENDED AND AVAILABLE FOR VARIOUS BRANCHES OF HOME MISSION WORK.**

Eld. J. A. Climenhaga; Sr. Emma Climenhaga; Eld. Mark Boyer; H. A. Garman and wife; Sr. Virgie Gar-





Indiana									
O. M. Foote, Auburn, .....	60	45	4	0	90.00	160.00	36.00	100.00	100.00
William H. Stump, New Paris, .....	100	70	7	8	5.00	300.00	65.00	235.00	-----
Ira Weaver, Nappanee, .....	38	28	6	0	12.00	28.00	14.50	5.85	-----

Iowa									
S. W. Landis, Des Moines, .....									
S. M. Good, Dallas Center, .....									

Kansas									
J. H. Engle, Abilene, .....	202	168	10	0	199.04	1020.50	165.58	743.55	128.92
J. G. Engle, Abilene, .....	95	60	6	0	25.00	250.00	45.00	132.44	72.56
J. R. Heer, Green, .....	85	28	5	0	.65	135.52	30.65	101.56	4.00
Milton Byer, Hamlin, .....	21	17	3	0	-----	641.25	11.56	629.69	-----
Abram Noel, Detroit, .....	161	107	12	0	16.16	581.99	71.78	503.62	22.75
Harry S. Harmon, Ramona, .....	130	90	9	11	15.03	714.90	44.75	680.56	4.62
I. J. Zercher, Abilene, .....	120	68	8	0	1.24	576.97	26.00	529.01	13.05
R. A. Franklin, Abilene, .....	121	70	8	0	14.38	1225.26	60.49	1216.31	22.91

Michigan									
J. C. Burkholder, Merrill, .....	55	55	4	12	12.66	148.92	44.17	106.31	11.10
J. A. Vanderveer, Sandusky, .....	40	25	5	2	24.78	32.19	16.68	11.50	29.79
Edwin Green, Carland, .....	65	42	6	0	3.94	155.00	30.20	122.09	1.55

New York									
Albert E. Davis, Clarence Center, .....	44	37	6	0	4.60	48.36	14.94	34.00	.33
W. F. Augustine Buffalo, .....	100	60	8	8	-----	116.30	69.4 <sup>5</sup>	46.85	-----

Ohio									
William Mc Beth, Springfield, .....	100	80	7	0	75.40	290.90	88.91	250.04	27.36
Solomon Gerber, N. Lawrence, .....	40	30	5	0	-----	24.00	24.00	-----	-----
L. O. Shellhaas, Mansfield, .....	35	25	5	6	-----	42.82	17.82	25.00	-----
Ohmer U. Herr, Clayton, .....	89	54	8	0	3.45	472.04	53.66	413.58	8.25
Clarence Boyer, Dayton, .....	90	66	6	0	42.56	73.43	43.73	31.69	40.57
Elmer Hoke, West Milton, .....	84	47	6	0	21.84	677.59	25.55	608.54	65.34
Harvey Bosler, Louisville, .....	60	34	6	0	.47	145.64	19.86	106.53	19.86
D. H. Hershey, Troy, .....	48	35	5	0	82.99	121.74	76.54	71.17	57.01
S. A. Whisler, Ashland, .....	60	40	8	0	20.00	15.00	35.00	-----	-----

Oklahoma									
B. W. Kraybill, Thomas, .....	190	125	10	3	3.11	38.54	40.26	552.11	debt 1.70
A. J. Albright, Leedy, .....	55	55	5	9	-----	35.30	27.30	11.39	-----

Pennsylvania									
Geo. C. Haagen, Lancaster, .....	70	50	6	0	-----	110.74	56.98	53.76	-----
J. Will Keefer, Millersburg, .....	85	55	5	3	94.52	210.28	22.74	252.00	30.06
Noah Z. Hess, Lancaster, .....	48	35	5	0	2.50	160.14	10.59	142.37	7.18
Geo. W. Meyer, Mercersburg, .....	82	48	6	0	22.57	22.03	11.41	25.00	8.69
Alfred S. Rotz, Chambersburg, .....	80	80	11	5	31.33	73.16	50.35	24.70	29.44
John H. Martin, Elizabethtown, .....	100	63	10	2	-----	741.32	48.82	691.11	.39
Irwin N. Heisey, Elizabethtown, .....	37	20	7	0	-----	97.54	21.10	76.44	-----
Forrey B. Frey, Washington Boro, .....	80	36	7	0	-----	408.57	33.95	408.57	44.35
Joseph C. Meyers, Waynesboro, .....	60	35	4	5	5.61	35.55	30.65	-----	15.26
E. Brubaker, Mechanicsburg, .....	75	50	5	1	.84	489.73	48.43	441.24	.90
J. W. Niesley, Carlisle, .....	80	45	4	0	11.67	113.50	22.07	61.50	.81

J. F. Lindenman, Waynesboro, .....	101	43	6	0	6.64	20.61	29.26	25.43	.....
Ezra E. Wolgemuth, Mt. Joy, .....	70	58	9	0	2.50	338.63	63.15	268.92	9.06
H. G. Brubaker, Grantham, .....	155	122	9	12	14.62	477.72	164.31	283.41	.....
Amos Wolgemuth, Mt. Joy, .....	100	100	16	0	18.00	350.49	43.22	295.77	11.50
J. E. Lebo, Harrisburg, .....	87	72	8	2	95.47	360.22	76.42	247.03	58.80
Jacob T. Ginder, Manheim, .....	182	106	15	0	.....	275.92	51.78	216.00	8.14
Joseph D. Garis, Souderton, .....	129	71	10	0	25.65	87.05	91.57	7.60	13.53
L. W. Wingert, Chambersburg, .....	107	85	8	3	2.00	23.62	14.16	30.00	11.46
Wilbur Snider, Philadelphia, .....	130	90	8	3	34.34	262.44	198.83	29.00	68.95
William Byers, Waynesboro, .....	50	40	7	0	4.37	27.32	15.26	.....	1.59
Aaron Oberholser, Chambersburg, .....	194	142	8	0	4.56	70.40	28.25	46.71	.....
H. K. Light, Lebanon, .....	74	52	7	0	.....	93.27	46.24	44.83	2.20
Harvey Stoner, Martinsburg, .....	120	60	7	0	8.54	130.94	43.17	40.00	56.31
H. H. Hess, Royersford, .....	46	46	..	..	.....	47.98	.....	.....	.....
B. L. Musser, Shippensburg, .....	50	45	8	0	7.87	57.14	22.60	29.04	13.40
A. B. Brubaker, Manheim, .....	No Report				.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ezra B. Musser, Newberg, .....	70	53	7	0	16.17	96.85	28.89	54.14	.....
James Miller, Silverdale, .....	95	50	8	0	7.66	50.05	15.09	39.92	2.70
S. J. George, Waynesboro, .....	60	40	5	0	.....	20.00	24.00	7.00	.....
<b>Texas</b>									
James Norris, Salem, .....	35	22	4	5	2.16	19.32	15.40	.....	.....
<b>Virginia</b>									
D. E. Jennings, Sylvatus, .....	40	20	2	0	.....	1.73	8.20	.....	1.73
Totals for year 1918, .....	6284	4180	442	142	\$1418.78	\$16496.88	\$3312.21	\$13817.17	\$1298.82
Totals for year 1917, .....	6652	4326	.....	159	\$ 934.80	\$13698.96	\$1397.42	\$10373.38	\$1275.45

#### Africa

Sadie Book, .....	160	140	9	7	Mtshabezi
Emma Frey, .....	136	75	8	12	Matopo
Elizabeth Steckley, .....	136	53	7	....	Macha

Schools having Blackboards, .....	29
Schools having Teachers Meetings, .....	10
Union Schools, .....	6
Schools having a term of 12 months, .....	60
" having a term of 9 months, .....	4
" having a term of 6 months, .....	5
" using Brethren Supplies, .....	68



## WHAT DO WE DO WITH OUR TITHE?

Official income of the United States of 1916, -----	\$40,000,000,000.00
Average income Per Capita, --	400.00
One tenth of this, -----	40.00
Number of members in the Brethren in Christ church,	5,000
The tithe of the church on this basis, -----	200,000.00
Suppose we would use the half on home charities and institutions, -----	100,000.00
To extend new work on Foreign fields, -----	25,000.00
For additional equipment to the work already established, -----	10,000.00
General Maintenance, -----	15,000 to 20,000
Leaving for Foreign Mission endowment, -----	45,000.00

WILL A CHURCH ROB GOD?